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Lady Wilson and Lady Falkender listen to farewells to the man who won four elections

Parliament pays tribute to Wilson

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POLITICAL differences were set aside yesterday as party leaders united in generous tribute to Harold Wilson, Labour's most successful Prime Minister, after his death at the age of 79.

John Major and Tony Blair led the homage to the man who led Labour to four general election victories, including its last in October 1974.

Each praised characteristics of one of the giants of the post-war era — Mr Blair his modernising instincts, Mr Major his ability to conciliate — which they are themselves having to exhibit.

Both Houses of Parliament abandoned business for the day after its most senior figures had delivered moving farewells to Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, who died peacefully in his sleep in St Thomas's Hospital. The Queen sent a private message of sympathy to his wife Mary, who nursed her husband through the difficult final years as Alzheimer's Disease took its toll.

With Lady Wilson and his former political secretary Lady Falkender watching from the public gallery, Mr Major said that Lord Wilson would go down as one of the most brilliant men of his generation. He was "a complex man, a clever man, a man who could be bruised and hurt and who never wore the armadillo-skin of the fictional politician".

Mr Blair, just 11 when Harold Wilson became Prime Minister for the first time, said he was to politics what The Beatles were to popular culture. He had dominated "the nation's political landscape and personified the new era — not stuffy or hidebound but classless, forward-looking, modern. Harold Wilson set out to become the best — and he did." Mr Blair added: "He once said: 'The Labour Party is a moral crusade or it is nothing'. That should be his real epitaph."

Harold Wilson's election record was unequalled by any Prime Minister in modern times, and only Margaret Thatcher has occupied Number 10 for a longer period of peacetime this century.

His first, narrow, victory came in 1964 after 13 years of Tory rule, and he consolidated with an election 18 months later that gave him a majority of 100. After losing to Edward Heath in 1970, he staged a remarkable comeback, winning elections in February and October 1974, before stunning the country by resigning in 1976.

A superb parliamentary performer and media manipulator, Harold Wilson caught the public imagination with his pledge to transform Britain in the "white heat of technology".

But his governments soon became bogged down in a series of domestic and international crises. He lost the battle to avoid devaluing the pound in 1967 and made things worse by telling people that it did not mean "the pound in your pocket" was worth less. His biggest surprise as Prime Minister was his last — his sudden resignation. For years, conspiracy theories abounded over why he went, but the political world has recently come to accept that he had simply had enough.

Most of those paying tribute yesterday said that his reputation as the supreme political fixer, rather than a great statesman, was unfair and that history would judge him more kindly. "He was the most successful leader that Labour has ever had, although on each occasion he came to office at a time of great economic difficulty," his successor, Lord Callaghan, said.

Lord Jenkins, who served him as Home Secretary and Chancellor, said: "I think he will stand in history as not one of the greatest of prime ministers but as a very good member of the second group who certainly had his impact on British politics." Sir Edward Heath said "this country owes a great deal to him. We are grateful."

Lord Wilson's later years in power were marred by complaints about the influence of his kitchen cabinet, particularly Lady Falkender, the former Marcia Williams. And these culminated in the controversy over his "lavender" resignation honours, so called because a draft was written on Mrs Williams's notepaper.

Lady Falkender visited Lord Wilson for the last time only hours before he died, and though sad yesterday, she managed to keep her composure as she described it as the end of an era. Earlier, she had issued a statement which said: "He was one of the great prime ministers who devoted his entire working life to the Labour Party and through it the creation of a more modern equal and open Britain."

Lady Wilson, who always maintained a dignity above the political fray, was comforted at her London home by her family, who asked for their privacy to be respected.

ANDRE CAMARA



The women behind Harold Wilson - Marcia Falkender and his wife Mary - set off to listen to MPs and peers pay tribute to the former Prime Minister

Crash driver 'was avoiding debris'

Police investigating the M4 coach crash in which 10 people died believe that the vehicle came off the motorway after swerving to avoid debris. Stephen Brown, the driver, said that he was trying to turn away from an object in the carriageway.

A preliminary investigation found no obvious mechanical or steering defects in the coach.

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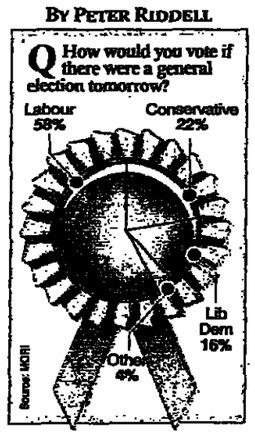
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Poll support for Tories plunges to a record low

BY PETER RIDDELL



TORY support has fallen to its lowest level after further internal rows and the party's rout in local elections, while Labour has built a commanding lead. The latest MORI poll for *The Times* comes on the eve of the by-election today in Perth and Kinross where the seat, held for the Tories for nearly 21 years by the late Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, is expected to be won by the Scottish Nationalists. Latest polls suggest that the Tories could come a poor third, behind Labour.

The poll, undertaken last weekend during the row over the Nolan report into standards in public life, shows the Tories stuck in a morass of unpopularity. After a slight pick-up in their rating during the spring, it has dropped from 26 to 22 per cent over the past month, equal to the party's record low rating in December. Labour has consolidated its position, increasing its rating from 56 to 58 per cent over the past month. The Liberal Democrats have continued their recovery, rising from 15 to 16 per cent since April, compared with 13 per cent in March.

Only one in ten people is satisfied with the Government, while more than four-fifths are dissatisfied. Similarly, just a fifth approve of the way John Major is doing his job as Prime Minister.

Labour has been boosted by the Government's unpopularity and by Tony Blair's victory over Clause Four.

The Liberal Democrats will be satisfied by Paddy Ashdown's strong personal rating, among the public and party supporters.

MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,869 adults at 146 ward sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on May 19 to 22. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (10 per cent), are undecided (8 per cent) or refuse to name a party (3 per cent). MORI/The Times.

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The honey trap loses its sting

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AMERICAN embassy officials in Moscow can now engage in "intimate or romantic relationships" with Russians without fear of falling into the honey trap.

Six years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Thomas Pickering, the US Ambassador in Moscow, has told his staff that the former prohibition on sexual relations with "certain foreign nationals", including Russians, has been lifted.

The ban on romance, however, still applies only to the upper ranks. Marines, who guard the embassy, are forbidden to form liaisons with Russians and will have to direct their ardour, as in Cold War days, to Moscow's contingent of Western nannies. Diplomats will have to report their love affairs to security officers.

A British ban on romance with Russians was quietly eased a year ago.

Nine die as light aircraft crashes in thunderstorm

BY BILL FROST AND HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

NINE people were killed and three others were missing and feared dead last night after a twin-engined aircraft crashed near Leeds in a thunderstorm.

The 21-seat plane came down in a field beside the A61 at Dunkeswick, West Yorkshire, minutes after taking off from Leeds airport. It is believed the pilot issued a Mayday call seconds earlier.

The Civil Aviation Authority said the plane was a Brazilian-built Embraer Bandereinte. A spokesman said it took off at 17.55 en route to Aberdeen with a crew of three and nine passengers.

Sharon Moore, deputy manager of the Harewood Arms Hotel, half a mile from the crash site near the North Yorkshire spa town of Harrogate, said: "We heard a loud bang, like a clap of thunder, but it turned out to be the plane coming down. There had been torrential rain and thunder and lightning in the area for the previous three hours or so."



Sheila Pattison said the aircraft had crashed into a field near her home in Dunkeswick. "Nobody saw anything because we have just had a very bad thunderstorm and it was extremely foggy. Yeaden airport is close, so we get lots of aircraft flying over us, but the area is very rural," she said.

The A61 from Leeds to Harrogate was closed in both directions after the crash. An ambulance spokesman said wreckage was spread over a wide area and that rescuers had difficulty reaching the site because it was more than 600 yards from the nearest road, across fields. Janet Walter of West Yorkshire Ambulance Service said: "It is a scene of devastation."

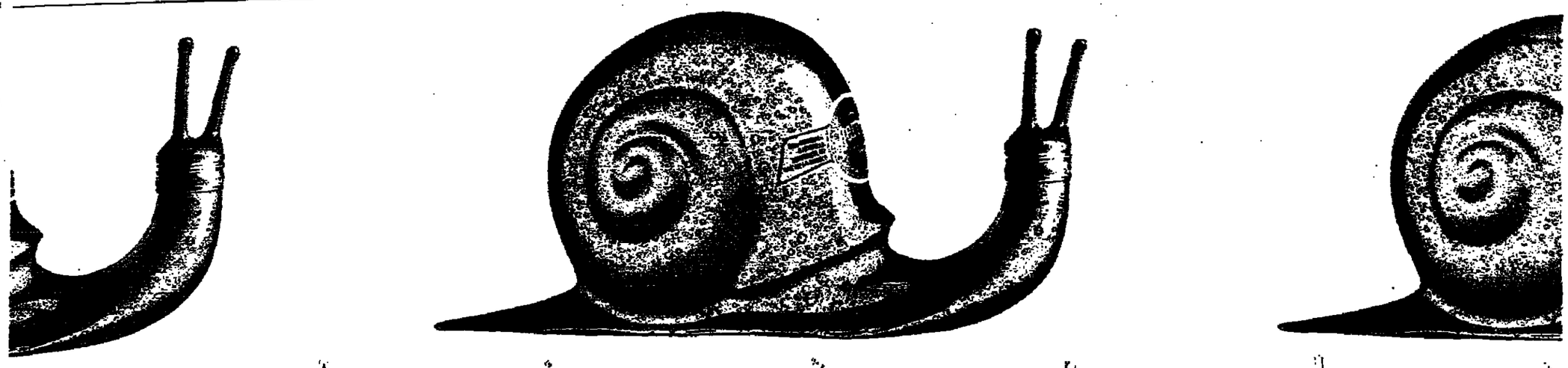
The Embraer Bandeirante is known throughout the world as a workhorse of light commuter airlines. The first Bandeirante flew in 1972 and 500 were delivered to 80 operators in 36 countries before production stopped in 1990. The unpressurised twin-engined aircraft can fly more than 1,200 miles at a cruising speed of 257 miles an hour.

The aircraft is renowned for its safety but it would have reached a height of little more than 2,000 ft when it ran into difficulties, giving the pilot little time to correct the problem.

Flight NE 816 was a daily service operated by Nightair, an air taxi operator which has recently moved into the scheduled airline business with regular flights to many of Britain's biggest airports from Leeds.

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MPs pay tribute to a House of Commons man



Kaufman: memo from Wilson was giveaway

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

IN THE Lords, the shade of the late Harold Wilson must have felt yesterday like the stranger he always looked in that place. There was something perfunctory and a little awkward about peers' send-off for a nonconformist who enjoyed HP Sauce.

Not so the Commons to which, perhaps, Lord Wilson's shade repaired with relief at 3.30. The phrase "House of Commons man" can sound hollow, but when Sir Edward Heath used it to describe him, it was full of meaning. To listen to the Commons as they paid tribute was to sense what makes a British Parliament tick. Wilson made it tick, and as one MP after another recounted anecdotes about him you sensed why he had been so successful in the Commons, and what it is about the place that television cannot really convey.

You could so easily imagine Wilson's presence there, chuckling as Gerald Kaufman told MPs that as a junior minister he had received a rare memo directly from Prime Minister Wilson, asking him to contact all living former premiers and extend to them the offer of a government car plus chauffeur for the rest of their lives. "It was then," Mr Kaufman said, "that I first realised Harold Wilson had decided to resign."

MPs guffawed — but without disrespect. The club Harold Wilson has departed is cynical but warm, and secretly uncensorious. He would have savoured every crack.

Up in the Gallery, Mary Wilson, who had looked completely dejected, seemed moved by Sir Edward Heath's tributes; Tony Benn was the first to make her smile. With her and her sons was Baroness Falkender — Marcia Williams — bleak-faced and blinking fast. Alone among the speeches of tribute, Mr Benn's mentioned Lady Falkender's loyalty, and the trust Harold Wilson had placed in her.

She will have enjoyed and understood, as her old boss would, the almost knockabout tributes. Only John Major was at all formal, but his was a well-crafted and moving speech. He allowed himself one slight change of tone when, praising Wilson's skills at holding his party together, the PM said that conciliation "is often scorned as an aptitude: but a necessary one".

Tony Blair, in a splendid speech, permitted himself a discreet plug for New Labour when he regretted the way Wilson's plans to curb the powers of trades unions had been rejected by his party. Paddy Ashdown managed a statesmanlike dig in the ribs of both major parties when he remarked that "leading a divided party may at times look messy and manipulative". The Ulster Unionists' Jim Molyneaux aimed a little below the ribs and told MPs: "There's nothing disreputable about that [the political fixer's art]: it's just that some of them are more successful than others." Mr Major buried his head in his hands in good-natured mock-despair.

Leaving office, Harold Wilson's reputation was cast into a shadow from which the clouds are only now, and in part, lifting. His tacking and weaving with a divided party and tiny minority were ridiculed, and people laughed at his classless ambitions and (as they thought) naff taste. But with the benefit of hindsight his achievements look more real, the problems he faced are better understood, and some of his holding operations look little short of miraculous.

As John Major listened, smiling at times ruefully, to the tributes, was he anticipating some of the kindly judgments he too may receive, after it is too late? Lord Wilson would have enjoyed the irony.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vote on Nolan 'before recess'

The Government underlined its determination yesterday to make swift progress on the implementation of Lord Nolan's proposals on standards in public life by issuing a provisional timetable of action.

An interim report to be drawn up by a Commons committee, probably by early July, is expected to produce detailed proposals in time for MPs to vote before the summer recess. The timetable, agreed by Tony Newton, the Commons leader, and Ann Taylor, his Labour opposite number, means that most of Lord Nolan's recommendations, if backed by MPs, could be introduced by the end of the year.

Mother arrested

Police investigating the murder of Rikki Neave, the six-year-old boy found on waste land near his Peterborough home, were questioning his mother, Ruth Neave, 26, last night. She was arrested in north London.

Lottery winner

Norwich Playhouse, for which 167 fundraisers gambled and lost £50 each on the lottery, has become a winner. After the group bet £8,000 and won £1,600, the company yesterday received £400,000 from the Lottery Fund.

Golfer's award

Derek Horton, 78, a retired bank manager, who was blinded in one eye by a golf ball struck during a golf match at the Maldon Golf Club, Essex, has won £24,000 damages after suing a clubmate, Ronald Jackson.

Home reprieved

The High Court has upheld a claim by William Beckwith, 76, that Wandsworth Council, London, acted unlawfully indeciding to close George Potter House in Battersea, where Mr Beckwith lives with 26 other elderly people.

Bishops switch

Two retired Anglican bishops are to be ordained as Roman Catholic priests. The Right Rev Conrad Meyer, former Bishop of Dorchester, and the Right Rev Richard Rutt, former Bishop of Leicester, are both married.

Thomas turns 50

The 50th birthday of the Rev Wilbert Awdry's creation, Thomas the Tank Engine, was celebrated at a party at the National Railway Museum in York. A five-month Thomas exhibition opens there tomorrow.

Shephard seeks to eradicate pockets of poor teaching

BY JOHN O'LEARY AND BEN PRESTON

GILLIAN SHEPHARD will announce a ten-point plan today to raise standards in state schools in a personal crusade to cut the level of unsatisfactory teaching reported by inspectors.

A package of measures costing more than £100 million will bring together a number of government agencies to focus on a rump of struggling schools. But the Education Secretary wants tough new measures to tackle pockets of poor teaching throughout the state system.

Mrs Shephard has been alarmed by persistent reports that at least a quarter of lessons are less than satisfactory. Inspections suggest that one in eight schools is close to failure, or already failing its pupils.

Today's initiative will embrace several moves to improve the new inspection regime under development by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted), as well as the first projects planned by the Teacher Training Agency. Schools will be helped to bolster teachers' knowledge of their subject through in-service training, and new concepts of "school effectiveness" will be introduced to improve management.

Mrs Shephard will publish an Ofsted report, based on the experience of 100 of the first schools to be inspected, to help schools to produce more effective action plans. It will recommend that head teachers and governors give greater priority to drawing up detailed strategies in response to inspection reports, which are often neither rigorous nor properly implemented. All schools will have access to a new post-inspection fund, which will make £100 million available from a combination of Government grants and local authority budgets. Other less costly measures will make schools aware of existing good practice in other parts of the country.

Mrs Shephard is anxious to reaffirm her reputation as pragmatic yet tough operator. She was criticised by Conservative backbenchers for "appeasing" teachers after she attended two union conferences over Easter which voted to ballot on strike action against large classes.

The Education Secretary is expected to confirm her willingness to send in Education Associations to run failing schools where action plans are judged inadequate. The threat of action has been sufficient to secure the necessary improvements in the first 50 failures, but a "hit squad" of governors has been appointed at Stratford School, a grant-maintained school in East London, which is not eligible for management by one of the proposed associations.



Shephard: crusade

☐ Research published today questions the impact on standards of the Government's campaign for schools to become grant maintained.

Ministers championed opting out as a way of freeing schools in deprived areas from local authority control. Yet Whitehall figures disclose that two out of three grant-maintained secondary schools have fewer children qualifying for free school meals than average for their area, indicating that they serve more affluent catchment areas.

In contrast, only 58 per cent of grant-maintained secondaries had a greater proportion of pupils gaining five GCSEs at good grades than average for their area. Martin Rogers, of the campaign group Local Schools Information, said the findings cast doubt on ministerial claims that opting out raised standards. Some 85 of the grant maintained schools with a high proportion of children entitled to free meals did worse than average at GCSE, while only 26 did better than average.

☐ The Rhone-Poulenc prizes for science books, each worth £10,000, have been awarded to John Emsley, author of *The Consumer's Good Chemical Guide*, and, in the children's category, to Jay Watts for *The Most Amazing Pop-Up Science Book*. The prizes were announced last night during a dinner at the Science Museum in London.

RICHARD ELLIS



Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, emerging from talks with Senator Edward Kennedy in Washington yesterday

Sinn Fein agrees to help resolve IRA kidnappings and murders

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government called on Sinn Fein yesterday to provide details about people who had disappeared during the IRA's terrorist campaign.

During his second round of talks with the party at Stormont, Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister, said there was growing public concern about the fate of people whose bodies have never been recovered after they were apparently kidnapped and murdered by the IRA. Sinn Fein said it had been approached by relatives of the men, and the party had agreed to help.

There are at least five unresolved cases, the most famous being that of Captain Robert Nairac, who was abducted in south Armagh in 1977 as he tried to gather intelligence on republicans.

Mr Ancram, who described yesterday's talks with Sinn Fein as full and frank, said he had extensive discussions on the decommissioning of IRA weapons with the party. He said: "We were able to explore the problems on both sides and we have agreed that we would take away the considerable detail with which we discussed this matter."

Martin McGuinness, who led the Sinn Fein delegation, said after the talks that he had criticised the Government for its "hesitant approach" to the peace process.

In Belfast, Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, said that the IRA leadership was committed to the "peaceful road" and predicted that the republican and loyalist ceasefires would hold.

In an optimistic assessment, Sir Hugh also said that opposition within the IRA to its ceasefire had diminished in recent months. Speaking at the launch of his annual report, Sir Hugh conceded that the IRA remained intact but said that every day of peace made it more difficult for terrorists to return to violence.

The Government's stand on the decommissioning if IRA weapons was given added weight in Washington, where President Clinton, speaking on the eve of the meeting between Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein leader, and Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, told a news conference: "As long as he [Adams] continues to renounce terrorism and as long as they continue on the path they have set, including a willingness to talk about weapons decommissioning, then we are doing the right thing.

"We are supporting an end to terrorism and [the building of] peace and, I hope, prosperity."

The President organised a three-day Ireland investment forum opening last night at which Sir Patrick was due to hold a brief informal first meeting with Mr Adams.

Firearms supply network cracked

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SCOTLAND Yard claimed yesterday to have disrupted a major network of organised crime, with synchronised dawn raids at 26 addresses in London, Luton and Birmingham. Police made 18 arrests and another two people were detained later.

The raids, by 120 officers from the Metropolitan, Bedfordshire and West Midlands forces, came after an eight-month undercover operation codenamed Dodger, during which police recovered ten firearms, £1 million in stolen share certificates, three stolen cars, traveller's cheques and currency, and large numbers of stolen credit cards.

The firearms recovered included a customised Lee Enfield sniper's .303 rifle fitted with telescopic sights, and two Russian-made handguns fitted with silencers. Commander Roy Ramm, leader of the operation, said: "We believe we have disrupted a major organised crime firearms supply chain. They were acting as armourers to gangs, supplying each other and other groups, but all their operations were linked in one big network."

☐ Body armour capable of repulsing bullets and knife attacks is to be issued by Scotland Yard to 17,500 front line officers as part of a package of protection measures agreed yesterday by Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. The number of armed response vehicles in London will also be increased by a third.

Minister attacks mortgage lenders

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

PETER LILLEY accused leaders of the banks and building societies yesterday of trying to sabotage government plans to require mortgage-holders to have private insurance against the risk of losing their jobs.

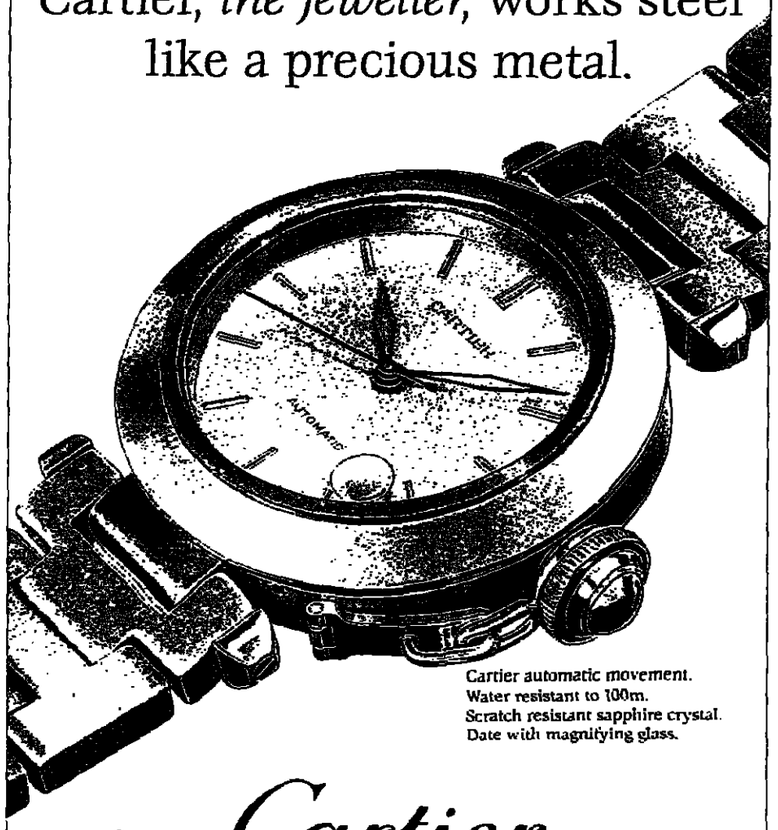
The Social Security Secretary set the stage for an acrimonious meeting today with the Council of Mortgage Lenders by releasing the text of a letter accusing its director-general of running a "tendentious campaign" against the Government's plans.

From October the Social Security Department will no longer meet the first nine months of mortgage-interest payments for people who become unemployed. In his letter Mr Lilley challenged remarks made by Adrian Coles, the council's director-general, in which he said that mortgage-protection policies sold by insurance companies were not "really worth a great deal" and were difficult to claim against.

Mr Lilley said that a large proportion of such policies were sold by members of the council and he found it hard to believe that building societies were selling policies which they believed were of little value.

Mr Lilley told Christopher Sharp, chairman of the council: "I appreciate that Mr Coles intended to discredit the government proposals, but, as so often when people resort to distortions, he has simply succeeded in discrediting himself."

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Not-guilty verdict lifts four-month cloud over Manchester United star's career

Paul Ince cleared of assaulting football spectator

BY RICHARD DUCE

PAUL INCE, the Manchester United and England footballer, was cleared yesterday of assaulting a spectator, lifting a four-month cloud over his future international career.

There were scenes of elation inside Croydon Magistrates' Court in south London as Ince, 27, hugged his wife Clare and then Andy Cole, his teammate and Britain's most expensive footballer, who earlier went into the witness box to support his colleague.

The magistrates effectively rejected the testimony of Dennis Warren, 48, a convicted football hooligan who had said that Ince punched him on the nose after the incident at Crystal Palace when Eric Cantona launched a flying kick at another spectator. The magistrates deliberated for 25 minutes before finding Ince not guilty of assault and a second charge of using threatening behaviour.

Michael Barnes, Chairman of the Bench, told Ince: "On the two charges before us we find you not guilty."

Cheering broke out in the public gallery as Ince, who has been capped 16 times for England, was cleared. Among them was Wolsey Jones, his father. Ince said in a statement through his solicitor that he was delighted with the outcome of his case. "The verdict was absolutely correct."



Ferguson: praised Ince

Earlier yesterday Ince was supported on the second day of his trial by some of the most well known names in football including Cole, his manager Alex Ferguson and Chris Armstrong, the Crystal Palace forward.

Mr Ferguson told the court he did not see Ince throw a punch or gesture to the crowd during the Cantona incident. Asked about Ince's disciplinary record, he said: "I think it's outstanding."

Jeffery McCann, cross-examining for the prosecution, asked if a player would have to "push his luck" to reach 21 points. "Not in English football," Mr Ferguson replied.

There was laughter when Mr McCann asked Mr Ferguson: "Are you concerened about the result of the trial? Mr Ferguson replied: "There's no result yet, is there?" Mr McCann said: "One way or the other, there will be. We don't have draws in this profession. You've lost Cantona for a while, if the result of this trial goes against him, Mr Ince's position must surely be in jeopardy?"

Mr Ferguson said: "I don't think so."

Mr McCann suggested that Mr Ferguson's evidence was coloured by just that, and that he was gilding the lily in Ince's favour. Mr Ferguson again said: "I don't think so," adding that Ince's contribution to the club was very, very positive. He said Ince did have "a short fuse", but it showed itself in dissent, not in any physical form.

Earlier, he said that Ince, after an unsettled start as a young player going to a big club, developed into "a fantastic footballer for us, and a very, very big influence on the club". He took over as skipper when Steve Bruce, club captain, was unavailable. "We don't give that job away very easily, it's got to be earned, and I think over the last few years, Paul has earned it."

There was laughter when Mr Ferguson went to sit down as he first took the witness box and Mr Barnes told him: "Remain standing please, unless there's anything particularly wrong with you."

Mr Brandman said: "Apart from having just lost the FA Cup and the Premiership . . ."

Mr Barnes added: "Well, you said that, not me."

Ince had earlier admitted in court to rushing over to the scene where Cantona had just kicked the Crystal Palace supporter Matthew Simmons, 20. He saw his colleague on the floor and originally thought it was he who had been attacked. Under cross-examination from Mr McCann, Ince agreed that if his version of events was to be believed then Mr Warren had perjured himself. Ince accepted he was an aggressive player but denied he had a short fuse on the pitch. In his six-year career with Manchester United, some 300 games, he had been sent off once and only twice suspended from playing.

Both Cole and Armstrong gave evidence to say they also ran to the touchline after the Cantona incident. Both players said at no stage did they see Ince punch anyone.

After the hearing Steve Kuttner, the agent for Ince, who was under contract to a Sunday newspaper, said: "He is very glad to be back in the England squad. He now wants to go home and see his son Thomas."

CHRIS HARRIS



Paul Ince leaving court with his wife Clare yesterday. He said that the verdict was absolutely correct

Woman spent 3 years on run

A woman who led two elderly sisters on a three-year tour of Britain, allegedly leaving a trail of unpaid bills, appeared before magistrates in Lymington, Hampshire, yesterday on three charges of criminal deception. Angela Dodge, 53, who was arrested in Peterborough on Tuesday after her photograph was shown on television, was remanded in custody. The sisters, Joan Payne, 74, and Winifred Bristow, 76, who left their Sussex home in May 1992 saying they were going for a three-day holiday, were found in January in a rented cottage near Bury St Edmunds.

Hillwalker dies

A German hillwalker was found dead on Ben Nevis yesterday. Cordula Adolf, 19, who was climbing a tourist path to the summit alone, suffered fatal injuries, apparently in a fall. She was reported overdue on Monday.

Girl improves

The ten-year-old leukaemia victim known as Girl B, who underwent privately funded chemotherapy after the NHS denied her further treatment, is back at her school in Suffolk. Today she is on a school trip to France.

Pools cheat

A pools collector who cheated a syndicate out of a £200,000 win has been jailed for 18 months. Christopher Adams, 44, from Worcester, stole the £19 stake money from 18 factory workers but threw away the winning coupon.

Bias rejected

A tribunal rejected a claim by Lesley Jourdan, 30, of Doncaster, that she suffered sexual discrimination when she was sacked by a firm run by members of the Plymouth Brethren after announcing that she was to marry.

Fatal accident

A police motorcyclist died yesterday when his machine crashed into a tractor and trailer at Brackley, Northamptonshire, on a police motorcycle training course. The 35-year-old father of two was based at Newbury, Berkshire.

Violin found

An 18th-century Gagliano violin stolen from a car in Durham City two months ago has been recovered by police. They found the £96,000 violin in a house in Sunderland. A man has been charged with handling stolen goods.

Boy charged

A boy aged 14 has been charged with the murder of Ashley Stevens, also 14, who died after an alleged fight in a playground in Cowbridge, South Glamorgan. The youth was granted conditional bail at Barry juvenile court.

Spot of bother

Several viewers complained to Channel 4 after it screened scenes of mating ladybirds before the 9pm watershed. *Squawkie Talkie* showed the beetles in the throes of passion to the tune of *Je t'aime, moi non plus*.

Shoplifter given life for murder of man who chased him

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER shouted at a judge yesterday when he was jailed for life for stabbing to death a store manager who tackled him after he was caught shoplifting. Carl Hughes, 19, yelled "Dickhead" as Mr Justice Kay ordered him to be taken from the dock at Merthyr Tydfil Crown Court.

Hughes had been found guilty of murdering Duncan Clarke, 34, who had tried to stop him from running into an elderly woman as he fled from a Littlewoods store in Cardiff. The jury had been told there was no dispute that Hughes killed Mr Clarke, but he denied murder and claimed his victim's death was manslaughter.

Sentencing Hughes, the judge told him: "The man you killed, Duncan Clarke, was decent and courageous and public-spirited. You are none of those things. It's quite clear to me having read about your history that you are a vicious young thug and on that day you became a ruthless killer.

"It is my impression that anybody who gets in your way is in considerable danger. The public will need to be protected from you for a very long time."

The court was told that Hughes, from Penrhys, Mid Glamorgan, had a history of violent crime and had been in prison shortly before he killed Mr Clarke, from Canton, Cardiff. He was serving 15 months' youth custody for a series of offences that included pulling a knife and threatening a police officer after being confronted on suspicion of shoplifting. The court was told that Hughes had been in council care since the age of five and had never had a job. He gave no evidence in his defence.

Outside the courtroom, the shopper saved by Mr Clarke told Maureen, his mother: "Your boy sacrificed his life for me. I'll never forget Duncan as long as I live. There's hardly a moment goes by that I don't think about his heroism."

Carole Gardner, a former nurse from Tylorstown, Mid Glamorgan, said: "I was standing at the top of an escalator when I saw the youth running up it. He was totally out of control and making scything motions with a knife and stared straight into my eyes. Suddenly I was pushed aside out of his path a split-second before he reached me. I was swung around by the force of the push and when I recovered I saw Mr Clarke lying on the floor with blood pouring out of him.

"I had to meet Mrs Clarke to tell her about her son's bravery and thank her from the bottom of my heart."

Mrs Clarke, 59, said: "Her words have comforted me a great deal. Nothing can bring Duncan back again but I'm glad his death wasn't in vain."



Hughes: shouted at the judge



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Worshippers prefer ancient to modern in hymn parade

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

TRADITIONAL hymns still top the list of church favourites, according to a survey published yesterday.

In a poll of more than 8,500 BBC Radio 4 listeners, seven out of the top ten hymns were traditional. Two were evangelical hymns from the 19th and 18th centuries and only one was a modern, evangelical hymn of the kind being embraced by increasing numbers of churches in Britain.

Three, such as *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*, were hymns that are especially popular for weddings and funerals.

The voters were asked to submit a choice of three hymns in order of preference. Top of the list was *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*, which gained more than a quarter of the votes cast, putting it way ahead the second favourite *The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended*. Squeezing in at No 10 was *Shine Jesus Shine*, the modern worship song by Graham Kendrick.

The poll will be welcomed by traditionalist supporters of the *Ancient & Modern* hymnbook, who complain of falling standards in church music, where guitars and tambourines have replaced the organ and the poetry of classical hymns has been abandoned for the repetitive choruses of worship songs.

Church music experts also said the poll was proof of the continuing importance of music in church worship and a sign that the days when clergy included hymns in services simply to keep their congregations happy were drawing to a close.

Harry Bramma, director of the Royal School of Church Music, said people still preferred the older hymns because "some of the words are very good, really quite classical". Some were "good poetry and good theology, and strike notes in people's hearts".

Mr Bramma said: "I think the Church is becoming much more aware of the importance of music as a means of human communication.

"Music is part of human life, it is a way of communicating people have always gone in for. The Church has been singing since the time of Jesus, and it is beginning to realise that it has been right to do so."

❑ The top ten hymns will be performed by massed choirs from around the country this Sunday at Birmingham Town Hall for a programme, *With One Voice*, to be broadcast at 10.15pm on that day. The concert, conducted by Sir David Willcocks, is part of Music Live 95, BBC Radio's five-day festival of live music from the city, which starts today.

1 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind
2 The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended
3 How Great Thou Art
4 Abide With Me
5 Guide Me o Thou Great Redeemer
6 Great is Thy Faithfulness
7 Praise my Soul the King Of Heaven
8 Love Divine All Loves Excelling
9 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
10 Shine Jesus Shine

Teenager killed friends in crash

BY A STAFF REPORTER

FOUR teenage friends drowned after an inexperienced driver high on drink and drugs lost control of his speeding car and ploughed into an icy canal, an inquest was told yesterday.

Richard Wheeler, 18, a factory worker from Banbury, Oxfordshire, had drunk several pints of lager and swallowed amphetamines before getting behind the wheel of his car a week after passing his driving test. After daring a friend to race him, he picked up four teenage girls outside a nightclub and they began smoking cannabis in the car.

Mr Wheeler, who was twice the legal drink-driving limit, lost control of the Ford Escort Ghia as he drove towards a hump-backed bridge on a country road at King's Sutton, near Banbury, early on February 19. The car struck the parapet and somersaulted, landing upside down in 4ft of water. Mr Wheeler and his front-seat passenger, Carmen Maguire, 17, died after being trapped in the car by their seatbelts.

Mia Sabin, 16, and Fiona Caine, 15, drowned after being thrown through the rear window. Katrina Josephs, now 16, survived after scrambling on top of the upturned car.

Miss Josephs, of Banbury, who suffered head, leg and internal injuries, told the inquest that she tried to rescue Miss Maguire. "I tried to pull Carmen out and she said she couldn't because she was stuck by her seatbelt. I jumped off the car on to the bank. I remember sitting on the bridge until a man came." She spent 90 minutes at the roadside until her cries were heard by George Jewison, a narrowboat owner.

Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxfordshire Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Mr Wheeler and open verdicts on the three girls. He said unlawful killing would have been more appropriate but there was a lack of evidence.

After the hearing the bereaved families refused to comment, but Miss Joseph's father Steve, 38, said: "I don't blame Richard for what happened. We can say he was responsible because he was driving and had taken drugs, but everyone got into the car. They did something very rash and foolish."



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'One minute I was sitting chatting with friends. Suddenly everything turned to chaos'

Survivors tell of eerie silence in coach crash

By Lin Jenkins

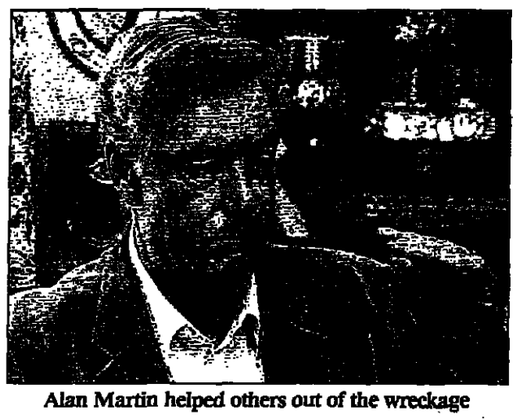
AS THE Royal British Legion mourned its dead in Christchurch yesterday, survivors recalled their desperate attempts to save the lives of friends amid the carnage and eerie silence that followed the M4 coach crash.

Alan Martin, a Territorial Army volunteer reserve, and Michael Allen, sports secretary of the legion branch, were the first to struggle out. Mr Martin, 43, described the sight of bodies inside the twisted wreckage as he fought waist-deep in oily water to help those who had survived.

"There was terrible carnage," he said. "We went round to the front of the coach and round the sides to assist wherever possible. Michael at that stage was up to his waist in water. We had run into a drain. Engine oil was pouring into the water and it was an horrendous mess, but we did manage to get a very elderly couple out."

The rescue services arrived within minutes and Mr Martin, who is married and lives in Christchurch, continued to help, despite back injuries and bruising for which he was treated later. "We could see clearly two people were trapped and they needed to be released.

"One of the rescue chaps got inside and our secretary, Fred Cousins, was unable to breathe. We got the bottle of oxygen into him. There was a sort of mêlée. Everyone was working together. We just saw the folks out and that was it."



Alan Martin helped others out of the wreckage

Mr Martin, a member of the Legion for 25 years, said that the trip to a brewery in Cardiff had been a friendly affair and he was settling down to doze on the return journey. "The next thing that occurred to me was that the coach started bumping very seriously. Immediately I opened my eyes and could not see a great deal, but it did seem as if everything was turning round.

"I seem to remember grabbing hold of the underside of the seat. The next thing, everything turned over and all we could hear was the slooshing of broken glass." As the coach slewed to a halt on its roof there was silence and Mr Martin, having been thrown across the coach, spotted an 18in gap that had once been a window frame, through which he and Mr Allen clambered.

"We managed to get three people out," he said of the initial stage. "There was only 1ft or 2ft to manipulate them out. We did that as carefully as possible."

Tom Park, a 76-year-old grandfather, was one of the first to be dragged from the wreckage by Mr Martin. The former Argyll and Sutherland Highlander, who needed scores of stitches, shook with pain as he recalled the crash.

"It was absolute bedlam," he said. "One minute I was sitting in the middle of the coach chatting with friends after a very pleasant day out. The sun was shining and everyone was in good spirits. It all happened so quickly. All I remember is the coach turning upside down and it seemed to go into a full spin."

Mr Park, a widower from Christchurch, who spent five years in a prisoner-of-war camp, added: "Suddenly everything turned to chaos. There was broken glass and twisted metal everywhere. I finished up lying on the side of the coach, which was all squashed. I was facing downwards.

"I wasn't covered in oil or water like other passengers were. I was trapped upside down in my seat and I could hardly move because the seat behind me had collapsed. I was in a lot of pain. I was upset but still conscious. I could see people all around me but I couldn't see if they were injured.

"There was a hush. No one was screaming or shouting. There was just absolute silence. I remember trying to crawl towards the window and when I was halfway through the gap I was pulled out by Alan Martin, who must have scrambled free.

"God knows how I got out because I had to squeeze through a hole between the window frame and the roof, which was only about a foot or so across."

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JAMES MORGAN



A police diver recovering a pair of spectacles from the crash scene yesterday

Driver killed tidying M-way

By A Staff Reporter

A PSYCHOLOGIST at a leading business school was killed as he tried to drag a lorry tyre off a motorway, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr Anthony Jackson, 50, had run over the tyre at night, damaging his BMW's headlights. As he tried to drag the hefty obstacle from the M40 near Ardley, Oxfordshire, he was hit by a car and died from multiple injuries.

Dr Jackson, a lecturer at the Cranfield School of Management in Bedfordshire, had telephoned his brother Terry from his BMW and told him he had hit something.

Terry Jackson, of Paignton, Devon, told the inquest at Oxford Coroner's Court: "He spoke to me for about two minutes and then briefly to my wife." He said his brother, from Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, said he was going to pull over to examine his car because he had hit something and had lost the use of his lights.

The next telephone call was from his brother's wife Barbara to say that police had telephoned her to say her husband had been in an accident.

Walter Holmes, from Hayes, west London, told the inquest that he hit Dr Jackson in his white Ford Orion car despite trying to avoid him.

He said: "I spotted something in my headlights. It seemed to be a figure in dark clothing. I swerved to the left but the person went to the middle of the carriageway. I caught him with the front wing."

Mr Holmes said there were several other cars on the hard shoulder that had hit the tyre.

Sergeant Michael Saunders, an accident investigation officer, said that Dr Jackson had probably underestimated the weight of the tyre and also the speed of the oncoming Ford Orion.

Nicholas Gardiner, the Coroner, recording a verdict of accidental death, described Dr Jackson's actions as "foolish but selfless".

Doctor blames 'flimsy' roof for passengers' injuries

By Jonathan Prynn and Kathryn Knight

A SENIOR hospital consultant who treated victims of the Bristol coach tragedy called for an urgent review of coach safety yesterday because of the severity of the injuries suffered in the accident.

Christian Oakland, accident and emergency consultant at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, which admitted seven of the injured, said that the way the coach roof had caved in had contributed significantly to the patients' injuries. "The bottom of the bus is rigid but the top is flimsy. Most of the serious injuries to the head and chest resulted from the coach rolling over and them being squashed from above."

His comments added to growing pressure on the Government to regulate further the thousands of small tour companies that operate ageing coaches on Britain's roads. There are about 40,000 coaches in Britain, with an average age of 12 years, which are operated by more than 7,000 firms. The accident has focused attention on the ease with which operators can set up in business, often using coaches from the mid-1970s. Mike Bartlett, spokesman for the 1,200 member Confederation of Passenger Transport, said: "There are one-man bands who are giving the coach industry a bad name. We want efficient and well-meaning operators, not cowboys."

While there is no suggestion that Laguna, the Bournemouth firm that operated the coach in Tuesday's crash, failed to meet safety standards, one of its larger local rivals said that government vehicle inspectors were struggling to keep up with the burgeoning number of operators. Roy Edgley, finance manager of Yellow Coaches, Bournemouth's biggest operator, said: "It's all down to the way the Government dealt with deregulation. They have more or less said 'do what you like'. All you have to do is register a route and run it. I don't believe a few inspectors have the capacity to deal with the vast number of small operators running one or two vehicles."

Neil Beresford, managing director of Plaxtons, Britain's last coach manufacturer, said it could be many years before all vehicles complied with recent regulations because of the slow replacement rate. New coaches, which cost between £100,000 and £200,000, are built to last for 15 to 20 years, compared with only eight years for cars. Small operators are often reluctant to replace coaches more often because of the cost.

Observers say that the accident is likely to lead to an acceleration of the replacement of Britain's coach fleet, as passengers increasingly refuse to travel on coaches without up-to-date safety features. Although European Union legislation requiring seatbelts to be fitted has still not been passed, most coaches built since last year have included lap belts as a standard feature. Coaches built since 1993 have also conformed to European Union regulations on roof-crush resistance.

The main operators said yesterday they would be happy to conform with any new government or European Union rules requiring seatbelts in new coaches but would be reluctant to fit them retrospectively at a cost of up to £40 million.

Fitting seat belts to pre-1988 coaches could increase the risk of injury because the seats were not designed to withstand the force of a seat with a passenger strapped in being flung forward in a crash. "If the coach stops suddenly and seat mounting breaks you have the possibility of seats flying around inside the coach with people attached," said Mike Morgan, editor of *Coach and Bus Week*.

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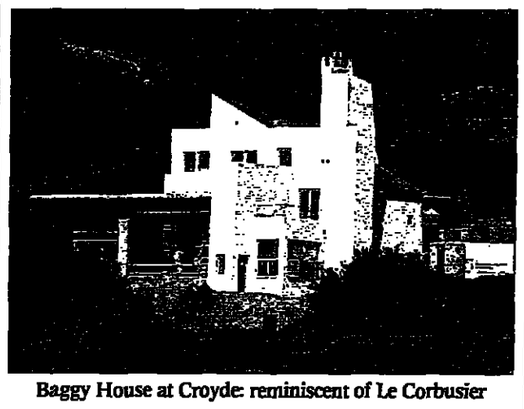
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Baggy House at Croyde: reminiscent of Le Corbusier

Low-cost housing wins high praise

By Marcus Binney, Architecture Correspondent

THE joint winners of the Building of the Year award are a superb modern house at Croyde, Devon, and low-cost housing near Waterloo station in London.

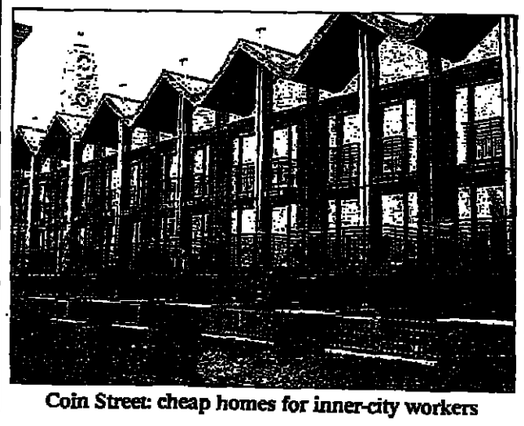
One of the judges, the architect Eldred Evans, said: "It's the rich and the poor. The Coin Street Community Housing shows we can build proper houses in urban areas rather than high-rise flats. Each three-storey house has a ground-floor room which can be used for a granny with an ample store for prams and bikes. There are two rooms on each floor and under the eaves there is extra bunk space for kids."

Ian Tuckett of Coin Street community builders said: "Our priority is for people working in low-paid employment in central London."

The Housing Corporation paid the £12.5 million cost and the architects were Lifschutz Davidson.

Baggy House at Croyde was designed by Anthony Hudson. Its highly sculptured form and the random pattern of windows have a touch of late Le Corbusier about them. The solid form contrasts with the hi-tech transparency of many more expensive modern houses.

The Building of the Year award is made jointly by the Royal Fine Art Commission and *The Sunday Times*. There were also three specialist winners: the Channel 4 TV headquarters by the Richard Rogers Partnership and the Sunderland Business School by the Building Design Partnership, representing the media and the universities, and an award for the best *jeu d'esprit* went to the barometric fountain tower in Holland Park, west London.



Coin Street: cheap homes for inner-city workers

Hope for lost Briton

THE discovery of two pages of a passport and other items in a jungle river have raised hopes that a Briton missing in Indonesia for more than two months may still be alive, trapped in a mountain gully.

Darren Roper, 24, of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, went missing after setting off to climb a mountain in western Sumatra on March 19. Yesterday his father Bill, 61, said that the passport pages had been found washed down the gully with his first-aid tin, some local money and his waterproof belt.

The belongings were found after 30 days by a search party. It will now concentrate on the steep gully.

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An evening with Baroness Thatcher



To mark the publication of her second volume of memoirs, *The Path to Power*, *The Times*, in co-operation with Dillons, invites readers to an evening with Lady Thatcher. Following the success of her first Times/Dillons forum, when she spoke about *The Downing Street Years*, Lady Thatcher will now turn her attention to the years leading up to her premiership. She will discuss her childhood in Grantham, the profound influence of her father, her marriage to Denis, her early career as a politician and her determined rise to power. She will also give characteristically forthright opinions on some of the century s leading political figures. The forum will be chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of *The Times*, and will offer those attending the opportunity to question Lady Thatcher.

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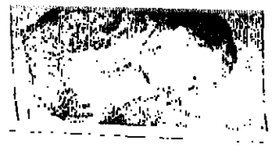
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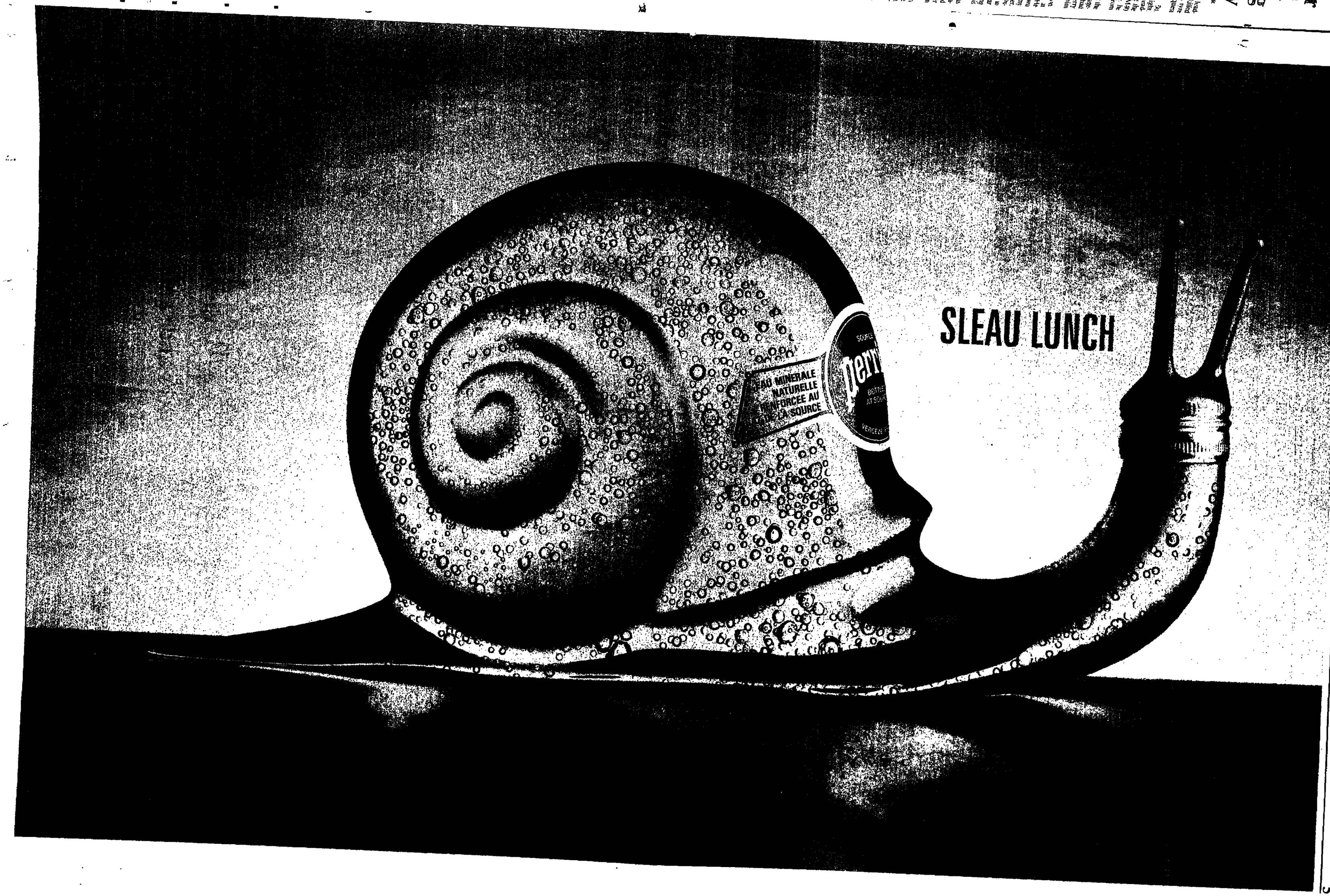
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Mary Wilson and Marcia Falkender — two contrasting figures in the rise of the Labour leader

Wife and secretary devoted their lives to serving Wilson

BY ANTHONY HOWARD

THERE were two strong women in Harold Wilson's life — his wife Mary and his long-serving personal secretary Marcia Falkender. They were very different figures but, in a strange way, entirely complementary: the one wholly apolitical and the other totally dedicated to the life of politics. Yet they got on remarkably well until in the long twilight of the former Prime Minister's life they became, in effect, the twin centurions of his praetorian guard.

Like Wilson himself, neither had any "side". In his latter years at No 10 a dinner was once given at the Garrick Club for Mary Wilson to celebrate the publication of one of her volumes of poems. It was a horribly wet night and, as the occasion broke up, it became clear that no arrangements had been made for the Prime Minister's wife to get home. "Please don't worry," she said, "I'll get a taxi," and that, presumably with all the resources of the Whitehall car pool open to her, was what she insisted on doing.

It cannot have been easy for her to carve out a niche independent of her husband's public career but throughout their days first in Hampstead Garden Suburb, then in No 10 and finally in Lord North Street that was what Mary Wilson succeeded in achieving. Probably it could not have been done without the support of the other woman in Wilson's life — Marcia Williams, as she then was, the secretary who first went to work for him in 1956 and who stayed with him through all his subsequent political struggles (she was still dealing with his correspondence at the time of his death).

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If Mary Wilson was shy and self-effacing, even her friends and admirers could scarcely say the same about Lady Falkender (as she became in 1974). She may have dreaded the limelight but in private she was always a force. Perhaps because she was a woman, she tended to provoke strong feelings even behind the green baize door separating No 10 from the Cabinet Office.

The Civil Service never liked her and tried to make her job difficult: she replied in kind by talking, perhaps too openly, about "the twin set and pearls girls" in the Garden Room. But to politicians normally as far apart as Barbara Castle and Roy Jenkins there was never any doubt that she represented a powerful influence — and one entirely for good — upon the Prime Minister. She was equally fortunate in her choice of enemies. Someone who incurs the antagonism of George Wigg, Joe Haines and Arnold Goodman must be able to claim to have been doing something right.

And, in fact, because she had political instincts every bit as shrewd as those of her boss, she did a lot. Her finest hour probably belonged to the period in which Wilson served as Leader of the Opposition before becoming Prime Minister for the first time in October 1964.

In public it was Wilson's electoral victory but in reality it was almost equally hers. Running the whole operation on a shoe-string — this was long before the days of "the Short money", let alone of any businessmen's slush fund — and deliberately boycotting party headquarters, which they regarded as incurably set in antediluvian ways — she and Wilson planned and organised the whole campaign together. It was an astonishing joint achievement and one in the more sophisticated climate of today's politics that is unlikely to be repeated.

It was also, to his credit, something that Wilson always remembered. Even in the most stressful, turbulent days in No 10 (at least some of them provoked by her) when his own immediate entourage sometimes seemed split into two rival encampments, he never forgot the debt he owed to his personal and political secretary. If she served him with total devotion, he protected her with an almost equal dedication. It was entirely typical of him that when "the slag heaps affair" broke over her head (and that of her brother, Tony Field) in the spring of 1974, his response should have been to offer two fingers to the newspapers by creating her a life peer.

Perhaps in retrospect that was a mistake. Lady Falkender, who can be much more insecure than she may sometimes appear, has yet to make her maiden speech in the House of Lords. There is also very little doubt that this defiant action of Wilson's played its part two years later in fuelling the row over the so-called "lavender honours list", which did the departing Prime Minister's reputation so much damage. Yet, in both cases, good old-fashioned English snobbery was at least an element in the stuffier expressions of outrage.

Stuffy was the one label which could never be attached to Wilson or to the two women who in their separate ways served his purposes. It was only because his wife constantly maintained a secure home base for him and their two sons — even in the flat above No 10 which she hated and refused to move back to in 1974 — that he was able to lead the totally politically dominated life that he did. And it is even possible to wonder whether without Marcia Falkender loyally at his side he would have been able to summon up the drive and energy that eventually brought him first the leadership of his party and then of the nation. As she herself once said: "I did keep him going in difficult times." But then so did Mary Wilson by uncomplainingly enduring a life which, even in her husband's heyday, she would never have chosen for herself.



Marcia Williams, as she then was, talks on the phone next to Mary Wilson as the Labour leader is interviewed in 1964 in a Southampton hotel

Machiavellian reputation thickened fog surrounding decision to quit



The day of the announcement

BY NICHOLAS WOOD

HAROLD WILSON'S resignation on March 16, 1976, a few days after his sixtieth birthday, stunned the nation and his Cabinet.

Peter Shore, his closest ministerial confidant, was taken unawares; Denis Healey learnt of the Prime Minister's intentions only minutes before the bombshell while standing beside him in the Downing Street lavatory. Other leading figures confessed that they were equally flabbergasted by the outcome of what they had expected would be a routine Cabinet meeting.

They could not understand why a man who had lived for politics should suddenly relinquish power when still relatively young and in command of his faculties. Wilson's relish for intrigue and his reputation for deviousness only thickened the fog of suspicion that rapidly descended over his announcement.

To this day, an air of mystery hangs over the circumstances of possibly the most dramatic political resignation this century. Stanley Baldwin was the only other prime minister to go at a time of his own choosing, and he was 69 and in poor health.

It has been suggested that a shadowy group from MI5 forced him out, threatening to expose him in some dreadful scandal unless he agreed to step aside quietly. Wilson himself fuelled such speculation, putting it about in his final years in Downing Street that he was a victim of a shadowy plot by either MI5 or Boss, the South African secret service, to destabilise him.

Despite the claims of Peter Wright, a former MI5 officer, in *Spycatcher* of a security service plot against Wilson involving 30 agents, the evidence looks flimsy.

The suspicion that by the time of his departure Wilson was suffering from a serious illness also lingers. Although he was drinking quite heavily by then and could not face the Commons or an important meeting without a glass or two of brandy, his physical and mental decline really dates from 1980 when he underwent a series of operations for cancer of the bowel. He was never the same man again.

Historians and biographers are increasingly inclined to accept the reasons Wilson gave at the time for his departure. In his statement to the Cabinet, he cited several reasons for his resignation.

On his return to Downing Street in March 1974 he had made a firm decision not to stay in power for longer than another two years. He told Marcia Williams and a few other close associates, but they tended to disbelieve him or think that they would be able to dissuade him.

As *The Times* reported at the time and as Philip Ziegler, his biographer, records, he had told the Queen of his intentions several months earlier. James Callaghan, the man whom Wilson wanted as his successor, had also been tipped off in advance. But, in a typical Wilson touch, others such as Harold Lever, who caught wind of his plans, were deliberately put off the scent.

Wilson had been leader of the Labour Party for more than 13 years and had broken Asquith's record for prime ministerial longevity; he did not want to stand in the way of others in what he grandly described as the most talented Cabinet this century; and he recognised the danger after so long in power of becoming stale and lacking the flexibility to cope with the challenges of office.

Added to that, he was growing weary of the political grind, the atmosphere in his kitchen cabinet was becoming increasingly poisonous and he was becoming fearful that Labour would lose the next election. As Ziegler says: "It did happen, and exactly as Wilson said it would."

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Rebel regime that signified failure

BY PHILIP WEBSTER

RHODESIA, and its rebellion against the British Crown, plagued Harold Wilson throughout his terms as Prime Minister. Yet Ian Smith, the man who made the Unilateral Declaration of Independence and was involved in a series of dramatic negotiating encounters with him, spoke warmly of his old adversary yesterday.

"We got on surprisingly well. I found him straightforward and honest," he said. The storm was brewing when Wilson came to office in 1964. But a solution evaded him, and successive governments, until the Thatcher administration of 1979.

Wilson warned Smith that UDI would mean an end to economic relations with Britain and that the rebel regime would not be recognised. Smith reluctantly flew to London in October 1965 but he refused to accept any of Wilson's five principles. UDI was then inevitable. Wilson ignored Cabinet advice and went to Salisbury to try to avert the inevitable. He was scornfully dismissed and on November 11, 1965, Smith issued a Proclamation of Independence, the first rebellion by a British dependency since the 18th century. As Smith's position appeared to strengthen Wilson was ready to make concessions.

They met again on *HMS Fearless*, also off Gibraltar. Smith rejected a package that many of Wilson's colleagues

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regarded as a sell-out. Oil was getting through to Rhodesia; the sanctions policy was not working as Wilson had hoped. After these setbacks British efforts to reach a settlement were virtually abandoned.

In the end it was a Conservative government that brought the revolt to an end — but only by agreeing to put Robert Mugabe's Marxist regime in power in the newly named Zimbabwe.

Open University is greatest legacy

BY JOHN O'LEARY

SOME of the key changes that shaped the present education system date from the Wilson years. But none can compare with the creation of the Open University, which was his personal pride and joy.

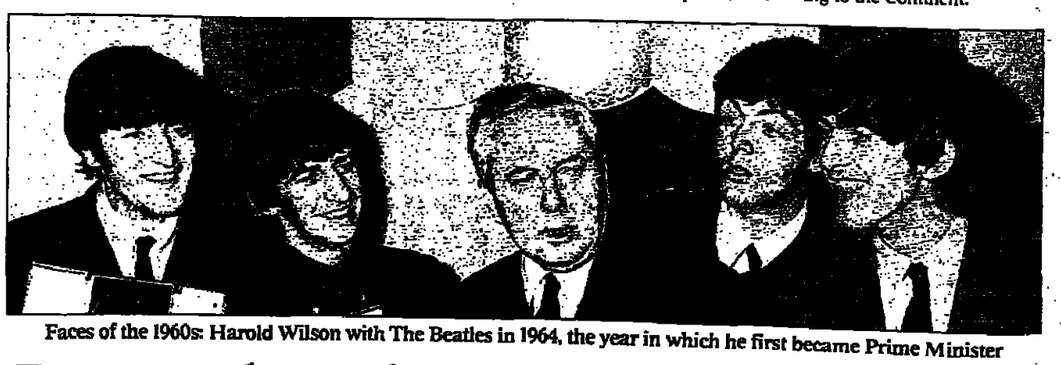
A grammar school boy who became an Oxford don, Harold Wilson saw education as a ladder of opportunity for young people. Opening up access to higher education, in particular, was also an essential element in his crusade to harness the "white heat of technology".

Through the establishment of campus universities such as Sussex, Warwick and Lancaster, and later the polytechnics, Wilson's first government laid the foundations for the recent expansion of higher education. The so-called "plate glass universities" had been proposed by Lord Robbins before Labour came to power, but Wilson's government provided the resources to make them a reality.

Labour's attempts to dismantle the grammar school network, and the subsequent abolition of the direct grant system in independent schools, also stemmed from a belief that equality of opportunity was more important than individual excellence. In fact, local resistance meant that even by 1970 fewer than a third of pupils went to comprehensive schools.

However, it is the Open University with its correspondence courses that will assure Haold Wilson a place in educational history. The model he claimed as his own brainchild has been copied in many countries. Based in Milton Keynes, the OU flourished beyond the dreams of its first supporters. Places were in such demand that, by the the start of this decade, it was planning for more than 100,000 students and spreading to the Continent.

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Faces of the 1960s: Harold Wilson with The Beatles in 1964, the year in which he first became Prime Minister

Beer and sandwiches lose their appeal

BY PHILIP BASSETT

BEER and sandwiches, like "a week is a long time in politics" and "the pound in your pocket", is a phrase resonant of the Wilson era. But as a way of running the economy, trade union leaders trooping in and out of 10 Downing Street is now as decried by the Labour Party as it is by the Conservative Government.

The corporatist way of running the country — implying that government was not only better with union involvement, but in effect impossible without it — was central to the Labour Governments of the 1960s and 1970s. Though Harold Wilson involved the unions in a series of price and incomes policies in the mid-1960s, he took a tough stand against them during the 1966 seamen's strike. Attacking their leaders as a "tightly knit group of politically motivated men", he stood up to the strikers despite having to declare a state of emergency.

THE UNIONS

But on his return to power in 1974, elected because the public believed that only Labour could handle the unions, he revived their role in economic management through the Social Contract, by which they agreed to pay restraint in return for pro-union legislation, some of which survives in spite of the Conservatives' reshaping of employment law.

However, there is likely to be little room for the trade unions in a Labour government under Tony Blair. Mr Blair paid tribute yesterday to Lord Wilson's work with the unions but underlined his view of its lack of success when he said: "If he was unable to penetrate the old-fashioned attitudes of unions and management, it wasn't for want of trying."

'He was a man who served his country well and honourably and earned a secure place in its history'

Westminster unites to praise Labour's political champion

BY JAMES LANDALE AND ALICE THOMSON

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair led a series of moving tributes to Lord Wilson of Rievaulx yesterday as former colleagues and friends in both Houses of Parliament praised the former Labour leader.

The Prime Minister told a packed Commons that Lord Wilson was one of the most brilliant men of his generation. "History will remember him for the sharpness and shrewdness of his mind, for his two periods as Prime Minister in difficult circumstances, for his energy and his enthusiasm as well as for his very many achievements."

As Lady Wilson and Lady Falkender, Lord Wilson's private and political secretary, and other family members looked on from the gallery, Mr Major said: "His friends who knew him well spoke ... of his great personal kindnesses and generosity. He expected loyalty from those around him and he offered it in full measure in return."

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Lord Wilson was "a complex, clever man, who could be bruised and hurt and who never wore the armadillo-skin of the fictional politician". Above all, he was "a very human man who served his country well and honourably and has earned a secure place in its history".

Tony Blair said: "Harold Wilson was to politics what The Beatles were to popular culture. He dominated the nation's political landscape and personified the new era: not stuffy or hidebound but classless, forward-looking, modern. It was an age for meritocracy, for sweeping away the old and ringing in the new. Harold Wilson captured it."

Mr Blair said that Lord Wilson was the only party leader to have won four elections this century. "It is hardly surprising succeeding Labour leaders look on him with envy and admiration."

Mr Blair joined Mr Major in paying tribute to Lady Wilson for the care and comfort she bestowed on her husband during his time in office and during his last years.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "This is a sad day for the House, it's a sad day for our country. But in particular our thoughts and our prayers must be with his family."

Sir Edward Heath, Father of the House, recalled that he and Lord Wilson were together for more than ten years as leaders of their parties. "I like to think that we were constrained, we were not abusing each other, we were not trying to get cheap results from each other." He said he had had many problems to tackle, including Europe. "Perhaps my greatest regret is that we were never able to come to an agreement about that key policy issue."

James Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist leader, praised Lord Wilson's humour. "This morning some commentators have been rather less than fair in implying that Lord Wilson had only one guiding principle, namely that of keeping the party together and keeping them united." As MPs laughed, Mr Molyneaux said: "There is nothing disreputable about that objective."

Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, said she wished to make only point. "In my view, one of Harold Wilson's lasting achievements was to bring into being the Open Univesity, of which I have the honour to be the current Chancellor."

Gerald Kaufman said that one day Lord Wilson asked him to get in touch with all former prime ministers to offer them a car and chauffeur. "I knew that day that Harold had decided to resign," Mr Kaufman said to laughter. "The achievement that he was proudest of, was that he was the first Prime Minister of this century under whom expenditure on education became larger than on defence."

In the Lords, **Viscount Cranborne**, the Leader of the House, said many peers would remember the dominance Lord Wilson exercised over the political landscape in the 1960s. Peers, he said, were all deeply grateful to Lady Wilson for her admirable role in his life.

He read out a message from **Lord Callaghan of Cardiff**, who succeeded Lord Wilson as Prime Minister in 1976 and who is in Japan. The message said: "Lord Wilson's purpose was to remove the disfiguring evils of poverty and to create a caring society, with equal opportunity, open to advancement and in tune with the changing needs of his time."

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, the Liberal Democrat peers' leader, recalled Lord Wilson's courtesy and kindness. "He hated being disagreeable and he liked being nice to people, which is not always the case with those who had his thirst for power. He also had very good nerve in a crisis."

Viscount Tonypandy, former Commons Speaker, who entered Parliament with Harold Wilson as a Labour MP in 1945, said he had loved Britain before all else and was proud to belong to it.

After the tributes, both Houses were adjourned in respect.



School friends remember a clever pupil known as Piggy

BY PAUL WILKINSON

"PIGGY" WILSON was recalled with affection yesterday by his old school friends in the Yorkshire mill town where he was born.

The man who later led his country and became a confidant of the monarch earned the nickname among classmates at New Street primary in Huddersfield for his chubby face and stocky build. Home was a substantial terraced house in the middle-class district of Cowlersley, near the works where his father John was employed as an industrial chemist.

His ability was obvious from the start. Harold Ainley, now 80 and a retired pharmacist, said: "We remember him as a brilliant pupil and politician. He was very generous and kind-hearted. We are all very saddened by the news of his death but it was not unexpected because he had been suffering from Alzheimer's for some years.


Wilson in 1948: "He was generous and kind"

"My wife and I used to have tea with him and Mary in the House of Lords once a year and reminisce about the old days. I last saw him two years ago but I don't think he really knew who I was. Despite the great economic difficulties of the country when he took over he maintained the welfare State and the British people owe him a lot."

In addition to being school friends they were also members of the 20th Milnsbridge Baptist Scout troop. Mr Ainley said: "Sherlock Holmes was Harold's big hero. We often played games with him as the great detective and me as Dr Watson."

His political ambitions showed from an early age. While still at primary school he wrote an essay saying that if he was Chancellor he would tax gramophone records. His old schoolfriend observed: "At that time only upper or middle-class people could afford them and Harold realised that records would be a money-spinner from a tax point of view. It showed what a keen economist he was."

He also recalled an early example of the former Prime Minister's willingness to take risks. Having been told that if he kicked a rugby ball at the centre of a window it would bounce back, he put it to the test. "I didn't wait around to see if his theory was correct," said Mr Ainley. "But he was right. The ball bounced straight back. I suppose you could say he took risks like that throughout his life."

From New Street primary he won a scholarship in 1927 to Royds Hall Grammar School in Huddersfield. In later life staff at the school dined out on how their pupil had written a detailed essay on how he wanted to be Prime Minister. Lord Wilson later wrote that an early influence in his politics was Francis Wilmut, his maths master at Royds Hall, who later became a Labour councillor on Huddersfield Council.

Stephen Bradbury, the present head of Royds Hall, knew Lord Wilson through his parents and his uncle, John Bradbury, 78, who were his classmates.

Lord Wilson attended a number of school reunions. Amy Eagland, whose late husband Gilbert organised them, said: "We used to go round in a gang and you could always tell there was something special about Harold. Once he got typhoid and was away for two terms but when he came back he finished top in the class exams.

"He certainly had the gift of the gab. When our history teacher staged the trial of King Charles I as part of a lesson Harold played Charles and persuaded everyone else that he shouldn't be beheaded."

Despite his middle-class background Lord Wilson was brought up in a family which supported the new Labour movement. His grandfather was an early member of the independent Labour party, and his father first voted Labour in a parliamentary election 89 years ago. The family moved to Cheshire when Harold was 16.

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What Blair can learn from Wilson experience



ALL tributes say more about the speaker than the deceased. Yesterday's remarks in memory of Harold Wilson had several ironic twists. John Major praised Wilson as a conciliator; Tony Blair evoked his ability to symbolise "a new mood of change"; while Tony Benn, looking down on his current leader, talked about Wilson's belief in not flying on the right wing alone.

The parallels between Wilson and Blair seem close —

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both elected leader in their 40s after the sudden death of their predecessor, both capitalising on the errors of an accident-prone Tory government, both hailed as deliverers of a possible Labour victory, and both preaching a message of modernisation. But the differences are greater than the similarities. The two have very different approaches. The party leader in the most similar position to Wilson is, in fact, Mr Major.

For Mr Blair, the Wilson record is as much a warning as a guide. The potential is similar in both cases, not just the vulerability of the Tories, but also the overwhelming Labour desire for unity, and victory. Just as Wilson was able to suppress, though not answer, the doubts and resentments of the Gaitskellites in 1963-64, so Blair has silenced all but the most vociferous of the hard-Left. They want to win.

But, unlike Wilson, Blair has confronted his party with the need for change. After Labour lost in 1959, Wilson opposed Gaitskell over replacing Clause Four, not because he favoured wholesale public ownership but becuse he thought it was like taking Genesis out of the Bible. He believed in smoothing over differences. Mr Blair, in contrast, has argued that rewriting Clause Four is vital to show that Labour has changed, and is a new party. Mr Blair has adopted a deliberately hard-edged, confrontational approach, initiating a wide-ranging review of policy compared with the more Wilsonian John Smith.

This is partly because of the change in the political climate and Labour's repeated electoral failures. Its old working-class base, and traditional party loyalties, has declined. Labour now needs to reach out to win. Whereas Wilson in the mid-1960s advocated government-led planning of industrial and technological change, Blair has embraced the market. While Wilson raised expectations of what it could do in office in the run-up to the 1964 election, Blair has been lowering them.

Lord Wilson had a weighty record in office: the creation of the Open University, the revolution in secondary education (no matter how controversial that now looks), the completion of the welfare state safety-net, legislation on sex and racial discrimination and the experiments in industrial intervention.

His central flaw was that he never really took his party with him. His ultimately doomed attempt to avoid devaluation, the introduction of incomes policy and the abortive reform of trade union laws all alienated Labour activists and contributed to the charges of betrayal and the left-wing upsurges that occurred after the defeats in 1970 and 1979. Wilson, and later James Callaghan, both sought to circumvent their party.

Mr Blair realises that he has to retain the support of his party if a Labour government is to weather the inevitable turbulence of office. He has therefore placed a priority on reviving party membership, up nearly two-fifths in the past year. He has gone over the heads of often left-wing activists to the more mainstream ordinary members, which Wilson was never able to do. On Blair's view, a strong party is vital for a successful government. Mr Major has been forced, however, to operate more like Lord Wilson. Faced with deep internal divisions, particularly over Europe, he has manoeuvred around the factions. Like Wilson, he has faced the criticism of both the Left and the Right in his party. But he has kept it more or less together. If Mr Blair yesterday highlighted the Wilson of "hope and opportunity" of 1963-64, Mr Major evoked more the world-weary Wilson of the years of office.

PETER RIDDELL

'A week is a long time in politics'

HAROLD WILSON was a master of the pithy remark and political putdown long before the term soundbite was coined. Here are some of the things he said:

☐ **"The school I went to in the North was a school where more than half the children in my class never had boots and shoes on their feet."** — As President of the Board of Trade in 1948.

☐ **"That horny-handed son of the fur-glove trade"** — Insulting description of his Foreign Secretary, George Brown, in 1963. Brown had been a glove salesman in his youth.

☐ **"We are redefining and we are restating our socialism in terms of the scientific revolution ... the Britain that is going to be forged in the white heat of this revolution will be no place for restrictive practices or out-dated methods on either side of industry"** — A Commons speech in October, 1963.

☐ **"After half-a-century of democratic advance, the whole process has ground to a halt with a 14th Earl"** — In a speech at Belle Vue, Manchester, October, 1963, referring to the accession of the then Earl of Home as Prime Minister.

☐ **"You must understand that I am running a Bolshevik Revolution with a Tsarist Shadow Cabinet"** — An aside in a speech a few weeks after becoming Labour's leader in February 1964.

☐ **"Smethwick Conservatives can have the satisfaction of having topped the poll, of having sent a member who, until another election returns him to oblivion, will serve his time here as a parliamentary leper"** — In the Commons in 1964 referring to an election campaign run by Peter Griffiths with the slogan: "If you want a nigger for a neighbour, vote Labour."

☐ **"Devaluation does not mean that the value of the pound in the hands of the British consumer, the British housewife at her shopping, is cut correspondingly. It does not mean that the pound in the pocket is worth 14 per cent less to us now than it was"** — A Prime Ministerial broadcast in November, 1964, on the occasion of a 14 per cent devaluation.

☐ **"A week is a long time in politics"** — At a briefing of lobby journalists in late 1964.

☐ **"Given a fair wind, we will negotiate our way into the Common Market, head held high, not crawl in"** — A speech in 1966.

☐ **"I am getting tired of this job. I have spent 13 years trying to keep this party together and it's been a pretty thankless task. Do you know, I have only been to the theatre about 20 times in all those years?"** — Conversing with friends in 1975.

☐ **"It is said I don't bear grudges. If I did I would have had the smallest Cabinets in history"** — At a farewell party given by former Cabinet colleagues in 1976.

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Hurd denies FO defeatism in face of Brussels

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

DOUGLAS HURD rejected yesterday suggestions that he has abandoned all hope of taking back powers from Brussels to Westminster in the forthcoming talks on the future of the European Union.

The Cabinet's special committee drawing up Britain's stance for next year's intergovernmental conference (IGC) on Europe will today propose a list of policy areas where European Union responsibility might be limited or even reduced. Further work on watering down the powers of the European Court of Justice, by limiting its powers to impose retrospective judgments on member states, is also proposed.

However, its report, to be considered by the Cabinet's overseas and defence policy committee, chaired by the Prime Minister and including most Cabinet members, will also conclude that "renationalising" substantial areas of EU competence such as the agricultural policy and the issues covered by the European single market would be unrealistic and counter-productive.

Interviewed yesterday by BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*, Mr Hurd acted to counter claims by the Eurosceptics that the Foreign Office had been "defeatist" and had given up any attempt to claw back Brussels power. He said there were ideas for limiting the competence of the European Union, and the areas in which it could operate, which were worthy of further study.

Asked if that meant limiting them in future or clawing back some which already existed, Mr Hurd replied: "It might be either." He repeated a recent quotation from Jacques Santer, the EU president, suggesting that the EU "should do less and do it better".

Today's report comes from a Cabinet sub-committee on Europe on which the leading rightwingers Michael Portillo and John Redwood serve. They are reported to have gone along with the conclusion that none of the substantial EU competences would be repatriated at next year's conference.

The committee was advised that none of the other 14 EU countries would support the idea and Britain would be on its own. The apparently agreed view was that if Britain pressed for concessions in those areas it would be required to reciprocate in others.

Today's meeting will endorse Britain's preliminary negotiating line at the first meeting of the EU study group preparing for the IGC which will take place in Messina, Italy, early next month. Some rightwingers complaining that the sub-committee has not gone far enough may try to toughen Britain's line at today's meeting.

Foreign Office sources declined to disclose the specific policy areas which Britain thinks can still be tackled. But it was pointed out that the Government hopes to build on agreements such as that in the Maastricht treaty that there should be a prohibition on further harmonising legislation in the areas of health, education and culture.

Mr Hurd said the success of the EU had been obscured because of the irritation caused by it attempting to do too much and to overregulate, and by the tendency of civil servants in the national countries "to go even further and overinterpret what has been agreed".

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: late spring recess debates. After questions to Scottish ministers at 2.30pm, John Major led tributes to the late Labour Prime Minister Lord Wilson of Rievaulx. The House was then adjourned as a mark of respect. The Lords also paid tribute to Lord Wilson.
TOMORROW in the Commons: questions to Northern Ireland ministers and the Prime Minister. Debates on the Coal Industry (Restructuring Grants) Order and the Pneumoconiosis (Workers' Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations. In the Lords: debates on the Commonwealth Development Corporation Bill, Civil Evidence Bill and Family Homes and Domestic Violence Bill.
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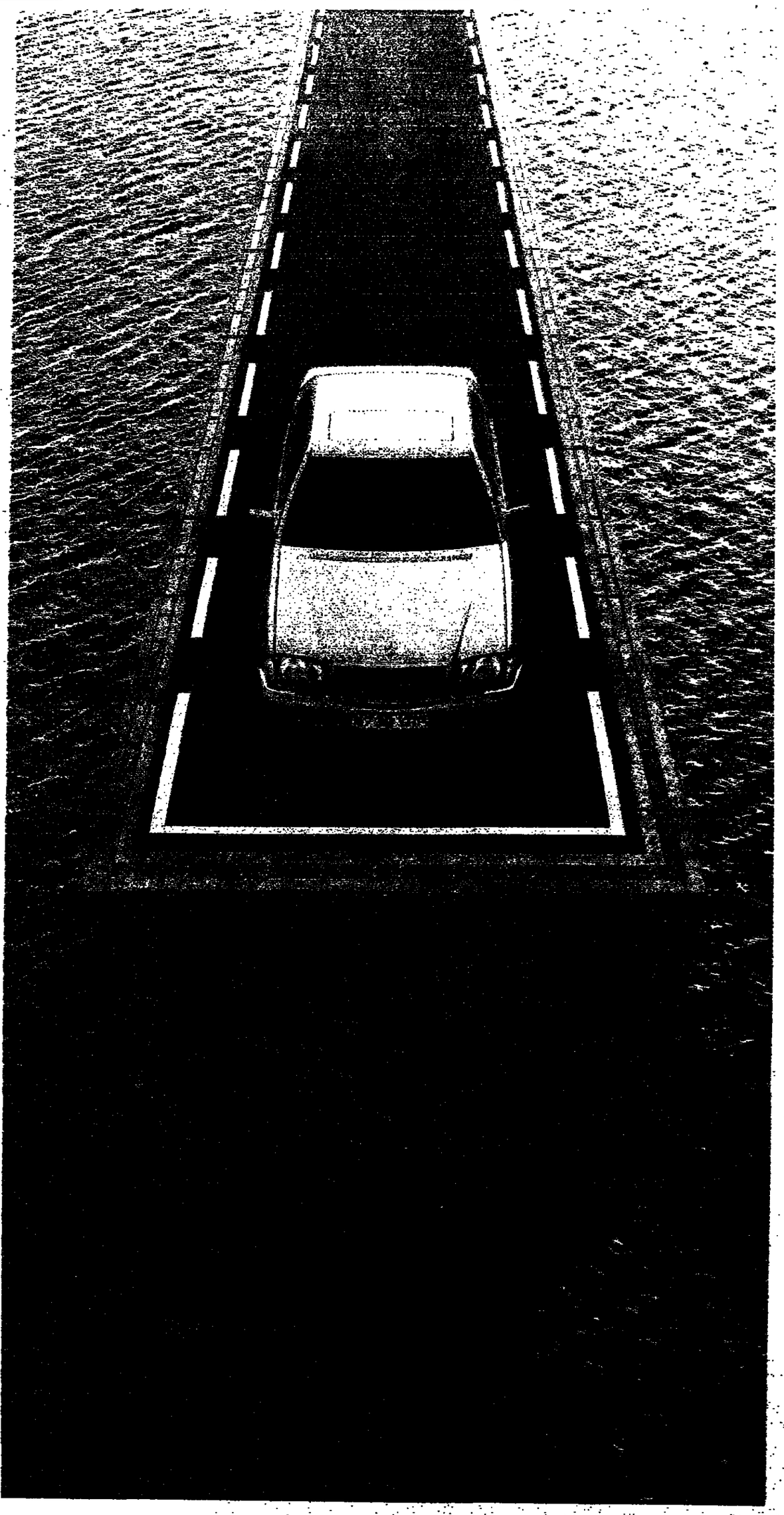
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Green Paper outlines six options from mandatory national scheme to leaving law unchanged

ID cards would cost £600m to introduce

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government outlined proposals yesterday for the introduction of a national identity card scheme amid clear signs that the issue could divide the Conservative Party.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, insisted that the Government was neutral on the issue but said he and the Prime Minister believed ID cards could offer benefits, particularly in the fight against crime. But he admitted that introducing cards, abandoned in Britain in 1952, was a "sensitive issue" that aroused strong feelings.

He said: "We want those advantages to be tested. We want the disadvantages to be similarly tested. As the debate proceeds we will take all the views into account and we will come to a decision."

Although Mr Howard emphasised the benefits ID cards might bring to curbing crime, the Green Paper said that "the effect of an identity card scheme on crime more generally is difficult to quantify with any precision". It added that for many offences the existence of an identity card was unlikely to have a big effect unless police were given wider powers to check identity.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said that ID cards had been intended as an election-winning wheeze but had turned into yet another focus for division within the Conservative Party.

According to the Green Paper, the issue of a national identity card arose from proposals to introduce photographic driving licences and a benefits payment card. It outlines six options, ranging from the status quo to "smart cards" that contain details on an electronic chip or a simple photo-card with only basic information that could be used as a passport in Europe. Introducing a compulsory scheme would cost £600 million, the paper says.

☐ **Status Quo:** no change to existing situation, leaving people to rely on documents such as passports, driving licences and birth certificates to confirm their identity.

☐ **Identity-travel card:** a plastic photo-card which would be used as a travel document in Europe. The card would need to show the same information as appears in a passport, including a photograph and could be issued for five to ten years.

No primary legislation would be needed for its introduction. It could be issued by the Passport Office and would cost the applicant £5-£10. However, it might appeal to only a small number of people so would be of limited domestic use.

☐ **Photographic Driving Licence:** the new licence, which includes a photograph and may be issued from July 1996, could be treated as a *de facto* identity card. It would include name, date and place of birth, signature, address and driver number. Non-drivers could obtain a card for £10-£15.

☐ **Driving Licence-Identity Card:** a dual function card but if people wanted to use it to travel to Europe further information would have to be added. A parallel card would have to be introduced for foreign nationals living in Britain.

☐ **Multi-function Card:** a single card would have several different applications. Headline information such as name, date of birth and nationality could be on the face of the card, with detailed information relating to government departments stored on a computer chip.

The Green Paper admits there would be more concerns over privacy and data protection than with a simple identity card. Smart cards could limit access to information to those with the need to know.

☐ **Compulsory Identity Card:** this scheme could follow any of the other models but would be compulsory. "The existence of a compulsory card system accompanied by effective enforcement would make it more difficult for terrorists and other serious criminals to assume false identities. A compulsory card scheme would also make it more difficult for illegal immigrants to stay or to work here illegally, including those who have entered the UK illegally and those who have overstayed a limited leave to enter or remain", the consultation paper says.

It would make it possible to expect, and require, an identity card to be used in circumstances where it might not be feasible to expect a voluntary card to be produced. "It would mean that those wishing to misrepresent their identity for criminal purposes would find it more difficult to do so and those seeking to avoid obtaining an identity card would risk committing an offence." It could also help shopkeepers identify people buying cigarettes or alcohol illegally.

The card would be compulsory over the age of 16. If it were to be valid for European travel there would need to be two cards, one a UK identity card for British citizens and valid for travel and the other a residence permit for foreign residents. Those refusing to obtain an ID card could be fined or charged.

☐ *Identity cards: A Consultation Document* (Stationery Office: £8)

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MICHAEL POWELL



German tourists in London display their compulsory cards. If they fail to produce them in their homeland they can be held for 24 hours

EU fails to agree common approach

ELEVEN of the 15 member states of the European Union have some form of identity card scheme, although there is no common agreement on the need for cards within the Union.

Austria: voluntary. Contains photograph. Citizens are obliged to carry either ID card, driving licence or passport.

Belgium: compulsory. They should be carried at all times.

Denmark: no ID card but compulsory plastic card for social security benefits and to enter hospital.

Finland: voluntary.

France: voluntary. Citizens are exected to carry some form of ID.

Germany: compulsory. Not a criminal offence to fail to carry one, but anyone failing to produce a card can be detained for up to 24 hours.

Greece: compulsory. Contains photograph.

Ireland: none.

Italy: voluntary. Citizens expected to carry driving licence, passport or ID card.

Luxembourg: compulsory. Contains photograph.

The Netherlands: obligatory to carry some form of ID.

Portugal: compulsory. Contains photograph and right index-finger print.

Spain: compulsory. Contains date and place of birth, name, address, signature.

Sweden: none.

Electronic system offers chance to foil fraudsters

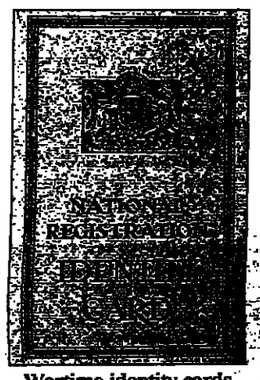
BY NICK BUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

AN ELECTRONIC fingerprint, coded on to a microchip, is likely to form the heart of a national identity card. "Smart" cards, which have a tiny computer in the plastic able to hold huge amounts of information, are becoming reliable and cost-effective, experts say.

They are also more difficult to forge and copy when compared with magnetic strips, holograms and other kinds of technology now commonly used on credit cards.

Government officials know that for an identity card to succeed the public must be convinced that it is secure against fraudsters.

Banking industry experts with wide experience of card fraud believe that the coded fingerprint card is probably the best option. Steve Collins, head of technology development at Barclays, said that fingerprints as opposed to retinas and other parts of the anatomy were well established for use in courts and for proof of identity.



Wartime identity cards were abandoned in 1952

So-called smart cards raise issues of civil liberties which could override their attractiveness. In Manchester they are being tested as a kind of electronic bus ticket. The card is read by a radio transmitter/receiver and debited on boarding the bus. Civil liberties campaigners will be concerned that such cards could be used to keep track of individuals.

Identity cards, without a photograph, were introduced at the outbreak of the Second World War. Police and Service personnel in uniform had the power to demand to see a card.

They were withdrawn in 1952 after the case of Willcock v Muckle in the High Court. Lord Goddard, the Lord Chief Justice, ruled that "to demand a national registration identity card from all and sundry, for instance, from a lady who may leave her car outside a shop longer than she should is really unreasonable. Such action tends to make the public resentful of the acts of the police and inclines them to obstruct the police instead of to assist them."

Police reject compulsion

BY STEWART TENDLER

CHIEF constables support identity cards as a way of cutting police bureaucracy and combating crimes such as benefits and credit card fraud.

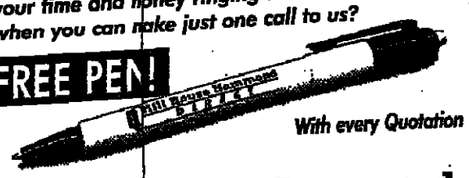
The Association of Chief Police Officers is opposed to compulsory introduction but officers believe the cards would rapidly spread voluntarily as law-abiding citizens welcomed them as a simple step to curbing crime. The association has sounded out continental forces and says any system must have stringent security checks built in.



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Chirac asks EU leaders to 'summit' over dinner

BY ADAM SAGE IN PARIS AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE French President moved yesterday to assert his authority in the international arena by summoning European leaders to what amounts to an informal summit in Paris.

President Chirac's invitation follows a well-publicised meeting with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, on the day after he took office, and a far lower key telephone conversation with John Major on Tuesday. The move indicates that M Chirac plans to fulfil campaign pledges to guide France's foreign policy while leaving the Government to handle day-to-day domestic affairs, sources said.

A statement from the Elysée Palace said that European Union leaders had been invited for dinner on June 9. Discussions will centre on preparations for next month's summit in Canada of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations and the European Council meeting in Cannes a couple of weeks later.

In particular, M Chirac plans to use the meeting to launch negotiations before the 1996 inter-governmental conference that will shape the EU's future. A spokesman said that while other leaders returned home, Mr Major would stay in Paris for an extra day to see the President, their first meeting since the French elections.

While M Chirac has reaffirmed a strong commitment to European monetary union as well as to the Union's costly public works programme, many commentators still believe he is anything but a Europhile. Strong Euro-sceptic opinion in M Chirac's Gaullist movement is likely to make its voice heard in the next few months, giving him little room for manoeuvre. His Government's pledge to mount a strong defence of French agriculture is already being taken as a sign that it cannot ignore this voice.

The Prime Minister's meeting with M Chirac will follow a lengthy discussion of French policy with Herr Kohl in Bonn tomorrow. Mr Major is eager to use the change at the Elysée to boost relations with Paris. He is aware, however, that this cannot be at the expense of the Franco-German relationship. He also knows that Britain's ability to influence the development of the EU depends largely on good relations with Bonn.

Yesterday Mr Major called for a new and warmer relationship with Germany. In an interview with the popular newspaper *Bild*, the Prime Minister said: "In the place of this 'silent alliance' between Germany and Great Britain, I would like a partnership that everyone talks about." The popularity enjoyed by Jürgen Klinsmann, at Tottenham Hotspur "in just one season in Great Britain, shows what's possible," he said.



Kohl: due to see Prime Minister tomorrow



Gong Li, the Chinese actress, promotes *Shanghai Triad*, directed by Zhang Yimou, at the 48th Cannes Film Festival in the south of France yesterday

Elysée seeks to quell doubts on the economy

BY ADAM SAGE

EFFORTS began yesterday to counter the widespread scepticism that greeted the litany of promises contained in the programme of President Chirac's new Government.

With the financial markets and political commentators asking how he intended to fund his spending commitments, M Chirac told ministers that the policies were designed to "change mentalities in France and abroad". His spokesman, François Baroin, said that the "coherence" of the twin aims of fighting unemployment and balancing the books would soon become apparent.

However, critics are likely to want more than a verbal assurance that plans for job subsidies, pay rises, new homes and increases in welfare benefits will not plunge France further into the red. Although the Government has not yet costed its programme, economists agree that it will run to tens of billions of francs.

Announcing the programme on Tuesday, Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, said that his Gaullist-led Government would reduce public deficits to ensure the economy was ready for the single European currency in 1999. Alain Madelin, the Economy Minister, yesterday reiterated the administration's belief in the strong franc. Yet analysts agree that if the deficits are to be reined in, and devaluation avoided, President Chirac will either have to raise taxes or make unprecedented cuts in other areas of the budget. Their scepticism stems from M Juppé's failure to specify which of these options the administration intends to follow. On Tuesday, he merely indicated that VAT might have to go up, although it is not clear that this would raise enough to cover the expenses.

Most commentators believe the Government is delaying the announcement of unpopular measures until after municipal elections in mid-June. But in a sign that the markets are unhappy to wait, the franc has fallen against the German mark.

Elsewhere, disappointment at his performance was equally evident. Apart from the pro-Gaullist daily, *Le Figaro*, newspapers pointed to the difficulties that lie ahead for an administration that has pledged to get France back to work without jeopardising its monetary policies. The left-wing *Libération* said in an editorial that the programme was like a meal containing "cheese, dessert, coffee and *digestif*. But who's going to pay for all that?"

Meanwhile, *Le Monde* pointed to contradictions in a European policy that seeks to combine economic orthodoxy with typically Gaullist pledges to defend French agriculture.

In response, President Chirac told a Cabinet meeting: "Success will only be possible if we manage to rediscover, on the one hand, the spirit of intitiative and, on the other, the spirit of conquest."

Chechen fighting threatens peace talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

FIERCE fighting broke out across Chechenia yesterday as Russian forces and Chechen rebels clashed on several fronts, dimming the prospects for peace talks in Grozny this morning.

Russian and Chechen spokesmen confirmed that their forces were engaged in heavy fighting, as Russian aircraft and artillery continued to pound separatist villages in the foothills of the Caucasus. Chechen guerrillas hit back with an attack on the outskirts of the capital.

"Chechen crack units have now reached the northern suburbs and are pushing back Russian guards," said Movladi Udugov from a rebel position 35 miles southeast of Grozny. The Russians confirmed the action, but said that forces loyal to General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen leader, were in disarray and would be driven out of their positions within a month. The Russians claimed that 109 Chechen fighters have been killed since Tuesday, while the rebels said that 46 civilians were the real victims.

The scale of the fighting threatened to undermine the talks, which were brokered by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. However, Sandor Meszaros, head of the organisation's team, said he was still hopeful that today's ceasefire would be respected and negotiators would attend the talks.



Dudayev: his forces are said to be in disarray

NEWS IN BRIEF

Talks on Italian TV vote collapse

Rome: Talks among Italian political parties on averting a referendum which could strip Silvio Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister, of two of his three television stations have collapsed. Right-wing parties said yesterday. A referendum was said to be a certainty.

Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia party and centrist and Centre-Left parties had been holding talks on how to head off a referendum on June 11 on a proposal to bar anyone from owning more than one television station.

Last week the Government proposed that state-owned RAI television, which also has three channels, and Signor Berlusconi's Fininvest, would have to sell one each by the middle of 1997 and another in 1998. *(AFP)*

Short of change

Brussels: Notes and coins for a proposed European single currency will not be in general circulation until 2005, the European Commissioner responsible for introducing the new money, said.

Liner on fire

Dubai: More than 500 German tourists aboard a stricken cruise liner were being towed to the Saudi Arabian port of Jedda after fire crippled her engines and left her drifting in the Red Sea. *(Reuter)*

Women killed

Ankara: Three men were held after a Dutch woman and a Russian were raped and killed in Alanya, Turkey, and three Dutch women were raped, and thrown off a cliff. Two survived. *(Reuter)*

Dragging on

Prague: President Havel of the Czech Republic, himself a heavy smoker rejected legislation adopted by parliament that would have severely curbed smoking in public places within weeks. *(AP)*

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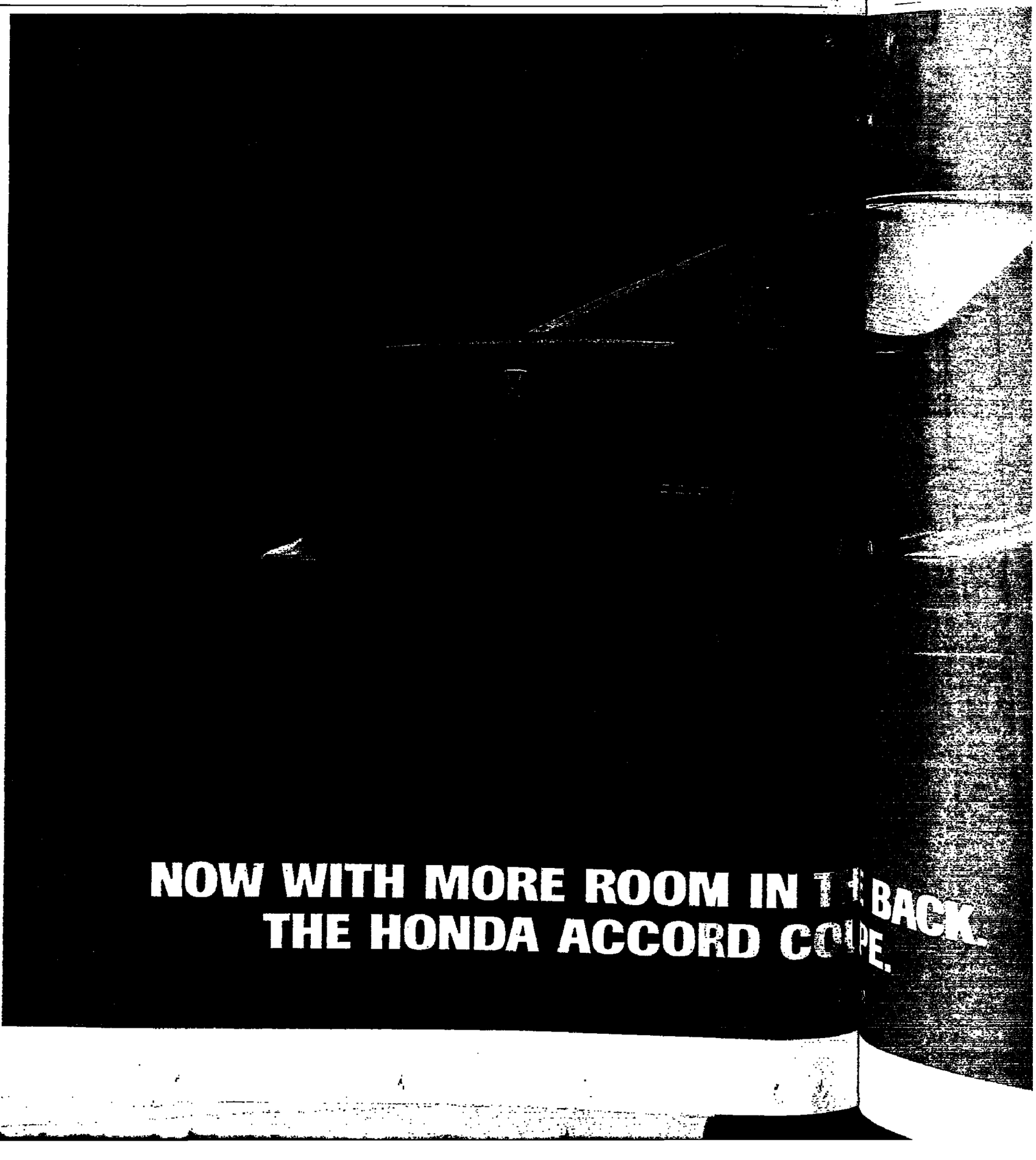
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Serbs accused of using phosphorus shells as Nato finalises pullout plan

Russians in fresh peace bid as more Bosnians die

By Joel Brand in Sarajevo and Eve-Ann Prentice, Diplomatic Correspondent

THREE people were killed yesterday and at least 15 wounded in Sarajevo as fighting around the Bosnian capital escalated sharply with Serbs apparently using phosphorus shells in ways banned by Geneva war conventions.

The Bosnian battles continued as international peace negotiators were seeking a way to end a deadlock with President Milosevic of Serbia, who seemed to be driving a new wedge between America and Russia over attempts to persuade him to recognise Bosnia-Herzegovina.

A Russian envoy arrived in Belgrade on a solo peace mission yesterday following a stalled American attempt to persuade the Serbian President to recognise the former Yugoslav republic in exchange for an easing of sanctions. Aleksandr Zotov, a member of the five-nation Contact Group on former Yugoslavia, flew in after a week-long attempt by his American colleague, Robert Frasure, foundered over President Milosevic's insistence that the sanctions should be completely lifted, not just suspended. There was concern in Washington that the Russian envoy's visit had not been cleared with other members of the group, and that Moscow, which has traditionally close ties to Serbia, might undermine the peace process.

European sources, however, were more optimistic that a deal could be struck. A British spokesman said: "It is not all doom and gloom. There is still a feeling that a deal can be done." Substantial progress had been achieved on recognition and aspects of sanctions suspension formalities.

In Sarajevo, at least one shell containing phosphorus, which can cause severe burns, is believed to have been used during fierce fighting around a market. The Geneva Convention tolerates the use of phosphorus in a "defensive manner", but it is not allowed to be used as an offensive weapon.

A Dutch United Nations commander, Brigadier-General Cees Nikolai, refused a request for Nato air strikes by Major-General Hervé Gobilliard, the French commander of UN forces in Sarajevo. UN observers have evidence that many of the blasts in and around Sarajevo, which have increased dramatically in the past few weeks, have been caused by the Muslim-led government forces. William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, said yesterday that Nato's withdrawal plan for the 23,000 peacekeepers in the country was "essentially complete". Any withdrawal decision was up to the UN Security Council, he said, but the plan would require more than 50,000 Nato troops, half of them American.

In Croatia, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the UN human rights envoy and former Polish Prime Minister, said that atrocities had been committed during the army's recapture of a breakaway Serb enclave three weeks ago, but he gave no details.



A Sarajevan woman, Ljila Trifkovic, shelters in a passage as sniper fire and shells hit nearby houses yesterday

All-white rugby team fails to win township support

From Inigo Gilmore in Johannesburg

THE biggest sporting event in South African history begins today amid controversy and political mud-slinging over its racial overtones.

The Rugby World Cup is at the centre of a political slanging match after opposition parties accused President Mandela of racism when he expressed disappointment over the composition of South African sports teams. Mr Mandela said the Government was determined that the present Springbok side would be the last "lily-white" team and was saddened that Chester Williams, the only Coloured player in contention for the team, had been forced to withdraw from the squad through injury.

Although Mr Mandela's office has denied reports that he told a British television interviewer that the national under-21 side would have to be half black and half white, the Far-Right Conservative Party has accused Mr Mandela of "blatant discrimination and racism against whites". The National Party of F.W. de Klerk, the Second Deputy President, described his comments as "laughable".

The dispute highlighted the racial tension simmering just below the surface of the event. Rugby has always stirred passions in South Africa, where for many blacks the game was synonymous with apartheid. Blacks would cheer on visiting rugby teams and Mr Mandela admitted yesterday that he had always supported the Springboks' opponents until 1993.

"Many people in the townships hated rugby because it was seen as the white man's sport and our interest is in soccer," says Joseph Hlalele, 34, a security guard from Soweto. "It would take a good five years before that attitude changes fundamentally."

The tragedy is that a tournament that will attract 2.5 billion television viewers around the world will pass many South Africans by. While white suburbs are awash with World Cup advertising, the publicity machine appears to have left the townships almost untouched.

In a country where one in three blacks is unemployed and 60 per cent of households earn less than 700 rands (£116) a month, tickets are out of reach for most South Africans. The cheapest seat for England's opening game against Argentina on Saturday costs 66 rands. This makes the Springbok side's slogan of "one team, one nation" ring a little hollow.

There appears to be growing interest in the sport, however, and organisers are confident that with the help of the media the country will unite behind the national team. Backed by the Northern Transvaal Rugby Union, the South African Broadcasting Corporation has instructed commentators from each black radio station on the rules of rugby. The opening game in Cape Town today will be the first match to be given full radio commentary in all 11 official languages.

Mr Mandela yesterday visited the Springbok camp and said: "I've never been so proud of our boys ... I hope we will all be cheering them on to victory. They will be playing for the entire South Africa."

David Miller, page 45



Mandela: disappointed by "lily-white" team

Cairo tombs yield 'superb' art

By Anjana Ahuja

WALL paintings, reliefs and statues have been discovered in cave tombs near Cairo, it was disclosed yesterday. French archaeologists came across the "exceptional" find while excavating 20 tombs of nobles uncovered in Saqqara, the necropolis of Memphis, the capital of the Old Kingdom.

Two 3ft statues and the reliefs were found in one of the tombs, which date from the 14th and 13th centuries BC. "This is the first time New Kingdom statues carved into rock have been discovered at Saqqara," Dr Alain Zivie, the archaelogist leading the team, said. The find also included a "superb ceiling decorated in brilliant colours" and paintings of nobles.

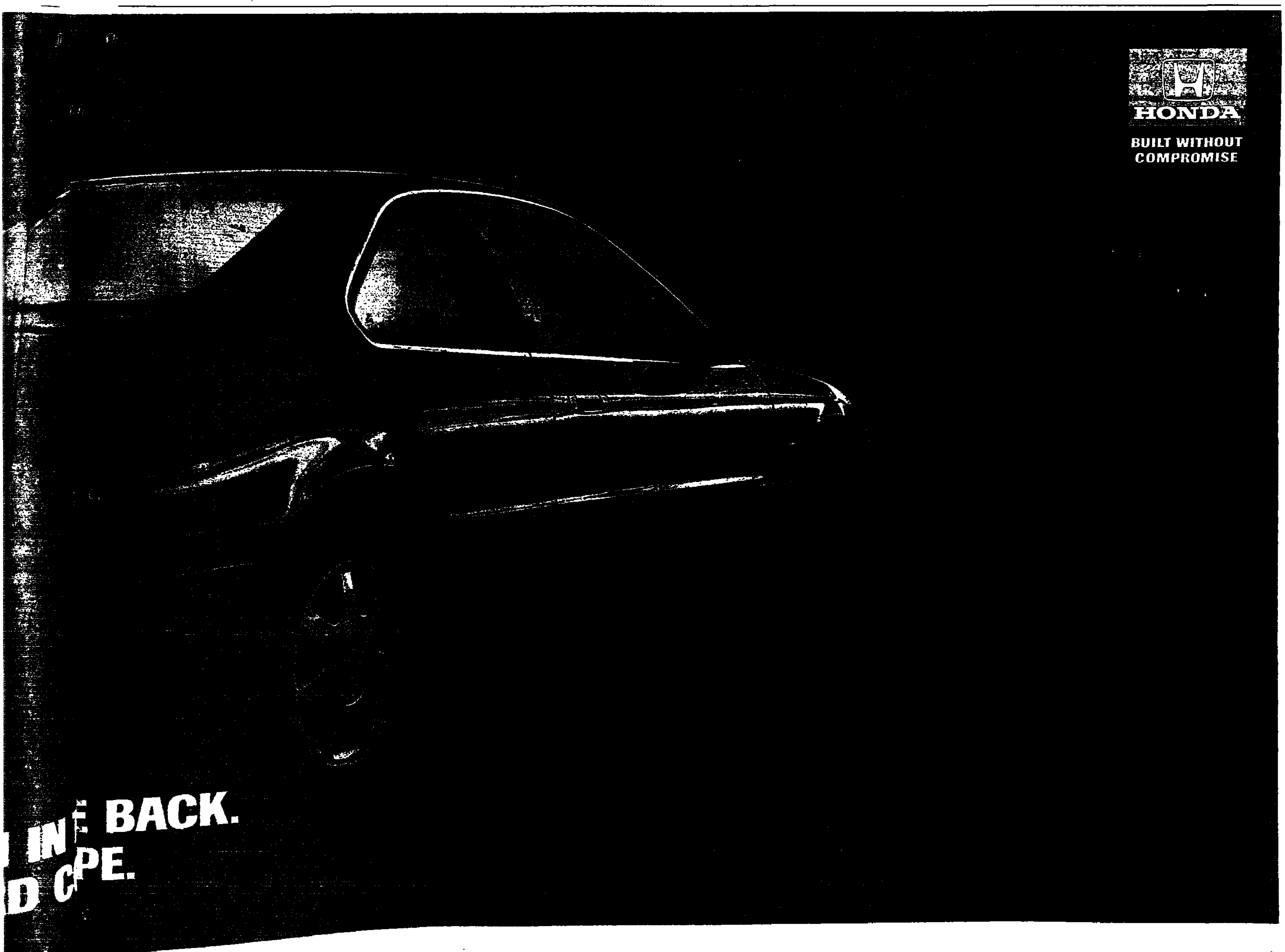
□ Hidden away: An Egyptian dental worker who tried to keep the existence of a pharaonic tomb under his home a secret has been released on bail, the newspaper *al-Akhbar* reported. A 165ft tunnel linked his home to the tomb near the Valley of the Nobles in Luxor, 400 miles south of Cairo. *(AFP)*

US pundit linked to car lobby

Washington: George Will and his wife Mari Maseng are a Washington power couple, he as one of America's leading conservative pundits, she as a lobbyist (Ian Brodie writes). Now they are being criticised because he kept quiet about her role on behalf of Japanese car makers.

In his column and on television, Mr Will has assailed the Clinton Administration's plan to impose 100 per cent tariffs on Japanese luxury cars, saying it would annihilate trade and make the vehicles impossible to sell. He did not disclose that his wife lobbies for the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association. Nor is there is any reason why he should, Mr Will said. He was in favour of free trade long before he met his wife. "What's to disclose?" he asked. "That one of my wife's clients agrees with my views on free trade?"

Others said he had made a mistake. They argued that Ms Maseng's lobbying, for which her firm was paid nearly $200,000 (£128,000) last year, was a material fact that should have been declared.



Senate spurns Gingrich tax cuts package

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

NEWT GINGRICH had called tax cuts the "crown jewels" of the Republicans' *Contract with America*, but yesterday he lost them.

In an emphatic rebuff that exposed the depth of a Republican rift, the Senate rejected a tax-cut package of $350 billion (£225 billion), which had been approved just a week earlier in the House of Representatives where Mr Gingrich rules as Speaker.

Twenty-three out of 54 Republican senators joined forces with all 46 Democrats to defeat the measure by 69 votes to 31. The result put the Senate squarely behind the argument that the budget must be balanced before taxes can be reduced. It also exposed the jockeying for the White House that is beginning to infect Republican politics.

The resolution was sponsored by Phil Gramm, the Texas Senator whose campaign for President is pitched at conservatives favouring tax cuts. His rival for the Republican presidential nomination, Robert Dole, backed the Gramm resolution but only, his critics said, after he knew it would lose.

Yesterday, Mr Dole, who is anxious not to cede conservative supporters to Mr Gramm, was trying to put together a smaller tax-cut proposal that would provide tax credits for families and reduce capital gains taxes. But after Mr Gramm's loss, some Republicans thought Mr Dole had nothing to gain with a resolution that would probably also lose.

Democrats, who have had little to celebrate since their loss of Capitol Hill last November, were gleeful over the Republicans' disarray. They had denounced the tax cuts as a ploy to help the rich with savings culled from pulverising social programmes for the poor.

Concern grows for Clinton security in face of right-wing hostility

Armed intruder at White House shot after scaling fence

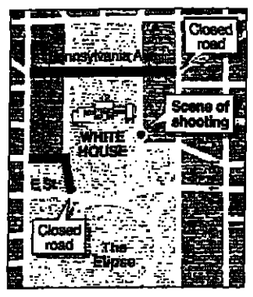
FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

AN ARMED man and a Secret Service agent were recovering from gunshot wounds in hospital yesterday after yet another attack on the White House.

Just four days after Pennsylvania Avenue was closed permanently to traffic to prevent car bombs, a man with a pistol scaled the wrought-iron fence surrounding the south lawn on Tuesday night and ran to the mansion. He was tackled by the agent 30 yards short of where President Clinton had climbed out of his limousine half an hour earlier.

In the ensuing scuffle, a second Secret Service agent shot the intruder in the arm. The bullet then hit the first agent, Scott Giambattista, also in the arm.

Mr Clinton and his family were upstairs in the private quarters and in no immediate danger, but his security has become such a concern that he has not gone for his customary early-morning jog on the Mall since the day of the Oklahoma bombing. Instead, he uses a running machine and lifts weights in the White House, or jogs at a military base near by as he did yesterday. The number of guards and concrete barriers on roads around the mansion has been increased.



Mr Clinton arouses an unusually passionate hatred among certain right-wing groups. A profound sense of alienation and hostility towards government is also sweeping the heartlands, and the President reportedly has received more threats than any of his predecessors.

Last September, a depressed Maryland man crashed a light plane into the south face of the White House. Since then, a Colorado man has fired 29 shots from a semi-automatic rifle at the north face of the mansion, a nocturnal drive-by gunman fired at the building from beyond the south lawn, and police killed a homeless man who ran across Pennsylvania Avenue, brandishing a knife.

What motivated Tuesday night's intruder was unclear. He was identified as Leland Modjeski, 37 and married, from Washington's Virginia suburbs. He did not appear to have a criminal record but reportedly had just lost his job in a pizza restaurant. Whether he was in the area when Mr Clinton returned from a Democratic dinner 30 minutes earlier was unknown, but initial reports suggested his pistol was not loaded.

Mr Clinton, who was talking at the time to Leon Panetta, his chief of staff, said the Secret Service "did a great job. They were right on it, they were terrific."

Breaches of the ten-foot-high fence surrounding the White House grounds are not uncommon. It was scaled at least 23 times between 1989 and 1994. However, the last time an intruder was killed was in 1976, and the last time a Secret Service agent was wounded on duty was in 1981 when John Hinckley tried to assassinate President Reagan.

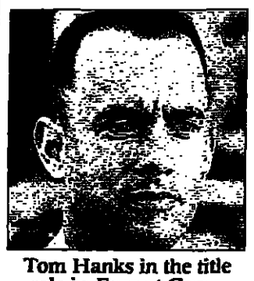
Prosecutors decided not to accuse Mr Modjeski with threatening the life of the President. Rather, he has been charged with assaulting a federal officer and with carrying a firearm with intent to commit a crime. Both offences carry a maximum sentence of ten years in prison.

According to Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, Mr Clinton shrugged the incident off with a quip about "just another day at the White House".



Rose Mary Modjeski being escorted by police from her home in Falls Church, Virginia, yesterday for questioning about the actions of her husband

Writer balks at hit film losses



Tom Hanks in the title role in *Forrest Gump*

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE author of *Forrest Gump*, the book which was turned into an Oscar-winning film, has retained a lawyer to investigate the accounting practices of the studio which has reported losing money on the film.

The film took $657 million (£421 million) at the box office, but Paramount Pictures says it made a net loss of $62 million after salaries and cinemas' share of receipts. The author, Winston Groom, would have earned a 3 per cent royalty on the film's net profits, but has received only a $350,000 advance. He has been offered a further $250,000.

Tom Hanks, the film's star, and Robert Zemeckis, the director, have each earned about $20 million, thanks to contracts giving them a share of gross takings.

Bear killing mystifies police

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

NEW York police are accustomed to finding victims of violent crime in strange places, but a 150lb black bear whose mutilated body was discovered in a city park this week, may be the most peculiar mugging victim to date.

City authorities believe the 4ft female, which had been disemboweled and had a handmade crucifix inside its carcass, may have been used as a sacrifice or killed for its organs. A reward of $2,500 ($1,602) is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the animal's killer.

The bear was found, wrapped in a blanket, in Forest Park in Queens. Police initially suspected it had been killed by devotees of the Santeria religion, a mixture of Afro-Caribbean theology and Catholicism involving animal sacrifice. Santeria worshippers, however, usually kill smaller creatures, such as ducks and chickens, which tend not to fight back.

Another theory is that the bear was killed by poachers who planted the cross to implicate the sect. A bear gallbladder, considered a powerful aphrodisiac in parts of Asia, can fetch up to $40,000 on China's black market.

US SUMMARY

Oklahoma bomb 'was made by Nichols'

Washington: A close friend of Timothy McVeigh, the main suspect in last month's Oklahoma City bombing, has directly implicated a second man in what investigators consider a breakthrough in the case (Martin Fletcher writes).

Michael Fortier has told the FBI that Terry Nichols, who is being held in connection with the bombing, was given the job of mixing the chemicals used in the massive fertiliser and fuel-oil bomb. Mr Fortier served in the army with both men and chose Mr McVeigh as best man at his wedding. He has admitted prior knowledge of the plot, but denies participating in the bombing and is now co-operating with the FBI in the hope of avoiding prosecution.

A judge has released Terry Nichols' elder brother, James, who had been in custody since April 21. He must, however, wear an electronic device so he can be tracked.

Cross-dress boy sues for $22.5m

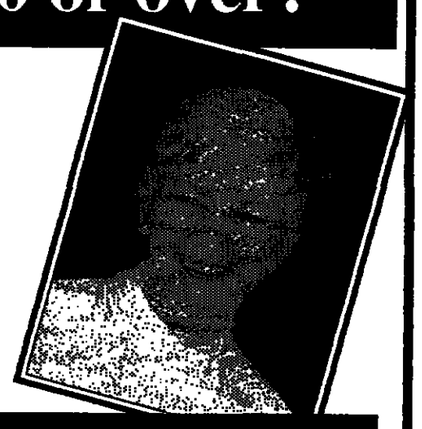
New York: Caleb Guerrier, 13, a Brooklyn schoolboy, has filed a $22.5 million (£14 million) lawsuit against his teacher, claiming he was emotionally traumatised by being made to wear women's clothing as a punishment (Ben Macintyre writes). He says Pauline Williamson, his teacher at a Seventh Day Adventist School, routinely punished boys by making them wear a wig, bra, skirt and high heels. In the state Supreme Court suit, he says he was beaten by schoolmates on April 24 and forcibly dressed up while Ms Williamson laughed. She has been suspended.

Kennedy home to be landmark

New York: The Kennedy family's seaside home in Palm Beach, Florida, has been sold to John K. Castle, a New York banker, for an undisclosed sum (Ben Macintyre writes). The building, which until recently symbolised the glamour of America's most powerful political dynasty, will be a designated landmark.

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Mike Quilter, a member of New Zealand's all conquering America's Cup team, accepts the acclaim of Auckland in Queen Street yesterday

Rapturous welcome for New Zealand's heroes

FROM MICHAEL MUNRO IN WELLINGTON

THE people of Auckland, New Zealand's biggest city, went wild with joy yesterday as they feted the crew of *Black Magic*, winners of the America's Cup 12 days ago. An estimated crowd of 300,000 crammed the route for a ticker-tape welcome.

James Bolger, the Prime Minister, was at Auckland Airport to welcome home the Team New Zealand syndicate. He told the crew that they had captured the country's emotions by winning five straight races in the final off San Diego, forcing the Americans to relinquish yachting's most coveted prize for only the second time in the cup's 144-year history.

Sir Edmund Hillary, the first conqueror of Mount Everest, was at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron in Auckland as Peter Blake, the syndicate manager, handed the cup to Peter Hay, the squadron's commodore, with the message: "Well, here it is." Sir Edmund said it was a great moment, adding: "It's bigger than Everest."

Peking toughens dissident crackdown

BY JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

CHINESE police have detained two more dissidents in a campaign to avert unrest on the sixth anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre on June 4.

The detention yesterday of Gou Qinghui, a theology lecturer, and Sha Yuguang, the veteran democracy campaigner, late on Tuesday brought to at least 12 the number of dissidents known to have been arrested in the past week. Ms Gou and Mr Sha had signed a petition that was due to be published on Wednesday, urging the authorities to learn a lesson from the bloody 1989 crackdown and push for democracy and the rule of law.

Ms Gou is the wife of Xiao Biguang, a Peking University lecturer and Protestant activist, who has been in jail, uncharged, since April 1994, for signing a manifesto calling for human rights for industrial workers. Last May, when Ms Gou was at police headquarters inquiring about her husband, she had a heart attack. China also remained intransigent yesterday over appeals that a huge gathering of international women's groups should not be kept away from the United Nations Women's Conference due to be held in Peking in September.

Despite rumblings of a possible boycott or relocation of the entire conference, the Chinese Government rejected a plea for the Non-Governmental Organisations' Forum to be held in the capital instead of in the town of Huairou, 35 miles away.

"We have no plans to change the forum venue from Huairou," said a spokeswoman for the All-China Women's Federation, host of the meeting of non-governmental organisations. The women's groups gave China until Tuesday to offer an acceptable alternative to Huairou, a sleepy resort about 90 minutes by bus from Peking. Oxfam, one of the organisations taking part in the forum, said yesterday that it still hoped the event of up to 40,000 interest groups and journalists could be returned to the huge Workers' Stadium or split between the Capital Gymnasium and Asian Games Village, both within the city.

Australia, Canada and New Zealand support the non-governmental organisations and have made high-level representations to China's Foreign Ministry.

In the run-up to the Tiananmen massacre, the authorities have been intensifying their clampdown on well-known activists, many of whom are nationally-known intellectuals. They include the "father" of China's nuclear weapons' programme; the country's authority on Einstein; a former editor of the Party's *Peking People's Daily*, and one of the student leaders in 1989.

Some were among the 45 signatories of the petition calling for tolerance and warning that China's continuing 2,000-year tradition of "a single voice" that denies heterodox views in art, literature, science and religion, is restricting progress in the country. Some signatories have already been political prisoners: Xu Liangying, 77, a physicist who has translated Einstein into Chinese, was held for 20 years in the late 1950s; Wang Dan, who was charged as a student "black hand" in 1989, was detained for three years and has been harassed by police since his release. He was rearrested last Sunday and is on hunger strike.

Farce, as well as tragedy, has marked the run-up to the anniversary. On Tuesday, the American Purdue University Jazz Band, which had been booked to play this week at Maxim's restaurant, just off Tiananmen, arrived in Peking from Shanghai, where it had been prevented from performing, to be told that the Public Security Bureau had decided its performance would "constitute an illegal gathering". Devon Johnson, the band's alto-saxophonist, summed up the group's impression of their reception, saying: "This really stinks." The band's conductor observed: "We had been warned to roll with the punches."

In Hong Kong, Robin Munro, a leading authority on Chinese political prisoners, said yesterday: "Peking is caught in a circle of repression of their own making. They should take a brave and imaginative step to start accommodation with the democratic forces. But instead, they're screwing the lid down tighter. It's going to blow off."

☐ **Macau:** Lu Ping, China's top official for Hong Kong and Macau, has praised Portugal for co-operating with the handover of territory, and contrasted it to the chilliness he had felt dealing with British officials handling the return of Hong Kong. As he began a visit to the Portuguese colony, Mr Lu praised Macau's airport, saying it was a "fine example" of Sino-Portuguese diplomacy. Mr Lu recently refused to meet Chris Patten, Hong Kong's Governor, during an eight-day visit. *(AFP)*



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Indians worried by Tigers' missiles

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

INDIA is alarmed by the increasing sophistication of the 12-year civil war in Sri Lanka, where Tamil Tiger rebels have shot down two aircraft with surface-to-air missiles and are believed to possess chemical weapons.

Hundreds of members of the armed forces have been killed since the rebels ended a 100-day truce last month. Their acquisition of missiles and possibly chemical devices has serious regional implications, particularly for India in its fight against separatists in Kashmir.

The missiles have forced the Sri Lankan Air Force to limit operations, giving the Tigers a greater edge in hit-and-run attacks. It has become more difficult to supply a crucial military base at Pooneryn on the Jaffna lagoon, the closest base to the rebels' stronghold on the Jaffna peninsula.

The missiles may have been bought in Afghanistan, where former Mujahidin fighters received shoulder-held missiles from the United States for use against forces of the former Soviet Union.

The Kashmir conflict would abruptly change if anti-aircraft missiles fell into separatist hands. Helicopters are vital for Indian operations in mountain passes.

Colombo has privately asked India to help in its drive against the Tigers and although Delhi is worried about upsetting the 50 million Tamils in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, it is keen to track down Velupillai Prabhakaran, the Tigers' leader, who allegedly masterminded the 1991 assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister.

In eastern Sri Lanka yesterday, Tamil Tigers ambushed a civilian bus, killing two police commandos and three women passengers. On Tuesday, rebels attacked an army patrol in the same region, killing 27 soldiers. The military said at least 20 rebels died, although the Tigers said they lost two.

Australian state drops royal oath

Sydney: Royal references and oaths of allegiance to the Crown are to be stripped from public life under a Bill in the New South Wales parliament (Roger Maynard writes).

The words "God save the Queen" will be omitted from state documents, while government servants will be required to pledge their loyalty to Australia.

Bob Carr, the new Labor Premier, said that the use of royal titles had no relevance and he insisted it was unacceptable to swear an oath of allegiance to the Queen.

Rwanda plea

Abuja: The international community has not yet come up with desperately-needed aid promised in January to help Rwanda recover from genocide, Marc Rugenera, the Finance Minister, said. *(Reuter)*

Car bomb kills 4

Lima: Suspected Maoist Shining Path guerrillas exploded a car bomb in front of an hotel in the Miraflores district of the capital, killing four people and wounding at least 15 others, authorities said. *(Reuter)*

Death row suit

Houston: Andrew Mitchell, an accused killer who spent 13 years on death row before an appeals court overturned his sentence, filed a £127 million lawsuit against the sheriff who prosecuted him. *(AP)*

Packer coup

Sydney: Kerry Packer, the media magnate and Australia's richest man, won $20 million (£12.8 million) in a 40-minute gambling spree on the blackjack tables in Las Vegas, it was reported here. *(Reuter)*

Piggy bank

Salinas, California: Two farmers have paid $108,000 (£69,230) for a 219lb pig raised by a 14-year-old girl who has had a brain tumour operation. The money will help to pay for her treatment. *(Reuter)*



Sixteen year old Katia was killed because she refused to cover her head with a veil. How much longer before you join us?

Katia Bengana was not the only young woman in Algiers who didn't want to wear the hijab, the Islamic veil, but she was one who spoke out.

She told the world about the bullies who, more than once, had warned that unless she dressed the way they wanted, they would kill her.

Factions in Algeria, calling themselves 'armed Islamic groups' have repeatedly threatened women not to go out in public without first covering their heads. They have also threatened girls who go to mixed schools and any female who goes to mixed swimming pools.

Just over a year ago, Katia was walking home from school with a friend, who was veiled. The two young women were stopped by a gunman. He signalled Katia's friend to stand aside and then shot Katia dead.

Her sorrowing family told how Katia had refused to be intimidated by the threats.

Katia's father, desperately worried for her safety, had asked her to put on the veil, even though he himself supported her right not to wear it. But Katia refused, saying she would decide for herself who she should be, and how she should dress.

'She was adamant', says her sister. 'Even if she had to die, she would not wear the veil.'

Sadly in Algeria it's not only armed groups who fail to respect human rights. The very people who have sworn to protect human rights, whose duty it is to *protect the people* - the security forces - are themselves implicated in the torture, killing and 'disappearances' of thousands. Can you even begin to imagine what it's like to be terrorised out of your most basic freedom?

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Time has brought revenge for Wilde

A hundred years after Oscar Wilde was convicted, Lord Alexander QC deplores the mob rule at his trial

"We honour Oscar Wilde's genius by dedicating a panel in the new Poets' Corner Memorial Window" ... so some three months ago spoke the Dean of Westminster when the great writer and poet was admitted to the company of the immortals.

How attitudes have changed; all was darkly different a century ago. The trial of Wilde for indecency was the talk of the town. On May 25, 1885, Wilde was convicted and sent to prison for two years' hard labour — there was no remission. The press and public whipped themselves up into a state of self-righteous indignation as they vied with each other to vilify him. A few months after his imprisonment he was ignominiously declared bankrupt. He was broken by his sentence, and on release he chose exile in Paris, dying at the Hôtel d'Alsace in 1900 at the age of 46.

Wilde was charged under a law which had a curious history. Before 1885 the law punished only acts against public decency or those tending to the corruption of youth. But homosexual acts between consenting adult males in private were not criminal. The change creating a criminal offence was slipped, without any serious debate, into the Criminal Law Amendment Act 1885, which had been designed as legislation avowedly concerned to protect women and girls and to suppress brothels.

It was under this new law that Wilde was charged and brought low. But doubts about the legislation did not prevent Wilde suffering the full rigours of the law. Raffish, even louche, ostentatious, content to shock and attracted to the demi-monde, his lifestyle was repugnant to the morality of the times. In April and May 1885 he went through three trials. In the first Wilde unwisely prosecuted the Marquess of Queensberry for criminal libel. When that case collapsed, he was promptly arrested in the Cadogan Hotel and charged with homosexual offences.



His counsel argued his case for nothing

The first trial against him ended in disagreement. Some felt the matter should have ended there. Edward Carson, who had been counsel against Wilde in the libel case, asked the prosecutor to "let up" as Wilde "had suffered a great deal". But the charge was pressed again and the second jury convicted.

By modern standards, the three trials were held in miraculously speedy succession. "All trials are trials for one's life," Wilde later wrote. He visibly disintegrated under the strains of defending himself, and press hostility. But he nonetheless bravely stood his ground, and declined offers to flee abroad: "I cannot see myself slinking round the Continent, fugitive from justice."

Even before his trial, unprotected by the modern laws of contempt of court, Wilde was spared no indignity. Upon his arrest a crowd demonstrated outside his publishers and broke the windows. His successful plays, *An Ideal Husband* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*, were taken off the London stage. With two honourable exceptions, the press was bitingly hostile to him. Typical was one newspaper which labelled him "a social pest, a centre of intellectual corruption", who attacked "all the wholesome, manly, simple ideas of English life". Even the examining magistrate said: "I think there is no worse case than that with which the prisoner is charged". When the time came to pass sentence, the High Court judge spoke of his "utmost sense of indignation at the horrible charges". It was no wonder that the crowd humiliated Wilde when he stood, handcuffed and in prison uniform, on Clapham station. One man spat at him and, for the following year, Wilde "wept every day at the same hour".

There are a few who swam against the stream and emerged with honour. Sir Edward Clarke, QC, the doyen of the Bar, fulfilled fearlessly and most ably that profession's tradition of arguing unpopular causes, and he did so without fee. Wilde's friends the Leversons gave him shelter when he was on bail between the two trials. But perhaps most touching was the deeply humane act of the Rev Steward Headlam. He barely knew Wilde, but he stood bail for him, risking a stoning by a furious mob, because he felt strongly that the actions of the press were calculated to prejudice Wilde's trial. After sentence Wilde asked faintly: "And I, may I say nothing my Lord?" But he was hurried away.

At first there were only a few faithful friends who spoke for him but as the years went by, assessments became more sympathetic. With changing attitudes to homosexuality, the fuss over his acts began to seem hard to understand. But it was above all his works which rehabilitated him. In time his plays, his prose and his poems spoke eloquently above the sleaze of the trial and the savage prejudices of his time. At his trial Wilde was cross-examined on his writings, particularly *Dorian Gray*, to suggest that they were evidence of his own homosexuality. Coleridge had said: "Judge no man by his books", but Wilde's prosecutors tried to condemn the man through his artistic works.

But it is by these very works that the man stands to be judged in a very different way. He lies honoured in Père Lachaise cemetery with a fine Epstein bust in one of the most frequently visited tombs. His plays remain fresh and continue to delight. He did not expect as much at the end of his life; his modest hope was that "nature, whose sweet rains fall on just and unjust alike, will have clefts in the rocks where I may hide, and secret valleys in whose silence I may weep undisturbed". The mob who taunted him at Clapham are long forgotten. But Wilde adorns the London stage and rests in Poets' Corner. Over a century the whirligig of time has brought its revenges.



Judge no man by his books: a lawyer's view of the sensational trial that sent Oscar Wilde to prison for two years

Oscar and Alexander

"I know not whether Laws be right,
Or whether Laws be wrong:
All that we know who lie in gaol
Is that the wall is strong;
And that each day is like a year,
A year whose days are long."
[from *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*]



There are few who have fallen so far so fast

What moved a busy man like Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, full-time chairman of National Westminster Bank and active, law-reforming member of the House of Lords, to sit down and compose the centenary piece (above) on the conviction of Oscar Wilde?

"It is always difficult to run to earth one's precise reasons for doing things, but I suppose this goes back to the time when I was reading English at university [King's College, Cambridge] and decided, part-way through, that I wanted to change to law and become an advocate. I began reading biographies of the great advocates, notably Carson, Marshall Hall, Rufus Isaacs, Birkett, Hastings and Sir Edward Clarke — a giant of his time, with great side-whiskers. As my interest in the law grew further I read some of the most interesting cases. The story of Wilde's trial holds so many fascinations for lawyers and in a sense the fascination with the law impinged on the interest in literature.

"I had seen Wilde's plays and marvelled at the elegance of his style, but like most of us I saw them very young, before I knew anything of the way his life had ended. There are few who have fallen so far, so fast." Robert Alexander did his share of criminal advocacy in the early Sixties when he started out as a barrister on the Western Circuit. The law on homosexual behaviour in private had already been reformed, so he never defended anyone in Wilde's position, but he did see the police bring cases for indecency in public lavatories. "They tended to happen in quiet towns like Andover and Devizes, where there was little serious crime and the police had time for that sort of thing."

Two great advocates he would add to his list after Clarke are the late Gerald Gardiner (who became Lord Chancellor) and Desmond Ackner (who went to the Court of Appeal). The only current practitioner on the list would be the formidable libel counsel, George Carman, QC. Alexander wants to reform libel proceedings with a new "fast track" approach, however, and while not quite accepting the layman's view of libel as a lottery he admits he "always heaved a mighty sigh of relief" when he won one.

At Père Lachaise cemetery Lord Alexander paid his respects not only to Oscar Wilde, but also to Alfred Dreyfus, the Jewish army officer whom the French courts falsely imprisoned for treason shortly before Wilde's conviction. "It was an immensely unfair trial," he says, adding: "The reputation of Dreyfus was also, in the end, rehabilitated, in his case because a few brave people, in particular Zola and 'Tiger' Clemenceau, kept the matter in the public eye."

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Country singer Kinky strikes a literary chord

Writing novels comes easy to this Texan loner

Even with a name as preposterous as his, Kinky Friedman turned out to be more than I had expected. He was staying at Hazlitts Hotel in Frith Street, the home in the 18th century of the writer William Hazlitt but now a discreet hostelry devoted to the comfort of elderly literary figures seeking tranquillity in the centre of London. I was greeted by the sight of a dark desperado resembling Lee Van Cleef at the end of a rough day in the saddle while filming *The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*.

Lean and satanic, with narrowed, flinty eyes and a weather-beaten complexion, Friedman was slumped in an armchair wearing his black ten-gallon hat, a leather thong tie of the sort favoured by old-time Wild West gunfighters, and jeans with a silver belt buckle studded with a riot of fat green jewels.

Suddenly, the glittering white gate of his mouth opened into an enormous dazzling smile. "Why, Hellooo," he bellowed in his raw Texan accent. "Care for some tea? The Kinkster's doing his best to adopt some English habits, you see. Sorry I didn't bring my guitar. You know how it is travelling ... ya godda roll with the bullets."

At this point, 12 seconds into our interview, "The Kinkster" settled into his rolling monologue, its rhythm the sort you might expect from a man who spends much of his life perched on a stool on dim and smoky clubland stages, occasionally strumming a guitar and dispensing a perma-babble of jokes and tales.

Friedman is an unusual hybrid artist. Primarily a country and western singer-songwriter, he has turned his hand to writing gumshoe detective novels.



Kinky Friedman: bestseller

His seventh novel, *Armadillos and Old Lace*, published this week by Faber, is likely to cause a stampede to Rosie O'Grady's in Liverpool on Friday when he and a local band will be playing. The Kinkster and his own band, Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jewboys, are known for hits such as *They Ain't making Jews Like Jesus Anymore*.

His books are equally iconoclastic. "I'm not into intricate plotting. My theme is that nothing is what it appears to be in life and that is the secret of a good mystery."

Friedman doesn't exactly wear himself out inventing characters for his books. He stars in them all, and the heroine of *Armadillos and Old Lace* is Pat Knox, who beat him in the Justice of the Peace elections in his home town, Kerrville. "I'm not afraid of success, failure, life or death — just afraid I may have to stop talking about myself for five minutes."

His interest in music dates back to the day when his parents gave him an accordion at the age of 13 and he formed a band that played around campfires. At 20, he took off for the jungles of Borneo to work as a volunteer with the Peace Corps. On returning to America, he spent several years personally researching cocaine and bourbon. "But I sorted myself out to do some proper music and writing."

Now that he has an international profile (his books have been translated into ten languages), Friedman travels during the summer and spends his winters, he says, as a hermit on his Texan ranch. Late at night, he is to be found giggling at the typewriter over his peculiar brand of wit. His gumshoe tales are in the best Sam Spade tradition — as one critic described him, he is like a party at which Woody Allen, S.J. Perelman, Damon Runyon and Dashiell Hammett are all on speed.

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Wilson's fear of senility



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

SOON after the second 1974 general election when the Conservatives readopted me to fight the Isle of Ely, Harold Wilson, the Labour Prime Minister, came up to me in the Athenaeum to wish me good luck in my future campaign. He ended our conversation by saying that much as he hoped I would return to the House he wouldn't be there to welcome me; he planned to retire in two years' time.

Asked why, he replied that there were several reasons, but the best was that his late mother had started to suffer from senility at about the age he would then be. He had always thought his mother had continued to have too high a public profile for too long, with the result that the reputation she had amassed in a lifetime of work for the community was eroded by the early symptoms of Alzheimer's. Harold Wilson was wise. He retired in good time — intellect intact and with a wit as sharp as ever. Soon afterwards, he started to develop the first signs of Alzheimer's himself, the progression of which may have been hastened by two major abdominal operations.

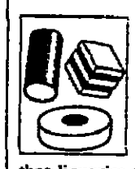
Alzheimer's tends to strike successive generations at almost the same age. Often, the difference in the age of onset between generations is no more than 18 months. The familial nature of Alzheimer's is more apparent in cases where it comes on earlier, in the fifties and sixties rather than the eighties.

Doctor magazine recently reported a review of Alzheimer's by Professor John Hardy, head of research into the disease at South Florida University. Professor Hardy had previously worked at St Mary's Hospital, London, where the team of which he was a member established that in some cases there was a genetic cause. Professor Hardy told the charity Research Into Ageing that he is optimistic that by the end of the century drug therapy will be available to slow the disease process and prevent the build-up in the brain of amyloid deposits which, together with neurofibrillary tangles, are features of the disease. To the naked eye, the brain appears to become increasingly shrunken and wasted. These advances are unlikely to help those already suffering from the early symptoms of the disease, but offer great hope to those now approaching late middle age.

Although memory loss is an early symptom, older people should be reassured that it is not always a prelude to Alzheimer's. The more common so-called benign memory loss can be trying, but is not associated with the progressive disintegration of the patient's personality, the loss of emotional depth, powers of reasoning and intelligence that are features of true Alzheimer's disease. Sometimes, before the patient's personality obviously begins to crumble, their distinctive personality traits can become more marked. The suspicious appear paranoid, the pessimistic depressed and the pernickety obsessional.

During his active life Harold Wilson was kindly, hard-working, polite and very amusing, and by all accounts remained a very nice man. He was a great family man and, even when Prime Minister, was prepared to take time off from Downing Street to visit his sons to help if there were a crisis.

Sweet danger



THERE is never likely to be a Government health warning on a packet of liquorice sweets, although it has been recognised since 1970 that liquorice taken in quantities can cause high blood pressure.

The first reports of liquorice's effect on hypertension appeared in *Jama*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and referred only to its ingestion in large amounts. Research from Iceland has now shown that you do not have to be a glutton for liquorice for it to affect your blood pressure. Writing in the *Journal of Hypertension*, doctors have suggested that 50g a day for a month may cause an increase in the systolic blood pressure of five points (5mm/Hg): 100g a day and the pressure can go up by up to 19.

Raised blood pressure is not the only effect of liquorice. The initial *Jama* report also listed sudden cardiac arrest, congested cardiac failure and, more prosaically, headaches as possible complications of heavy liquorice consumption.

Liquorice is obtained from the roots of either Spanish *licorice*, *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, or Russian liquorice, *G. glabra (var glandulifera)*. Its biochemical action, and hence its effect on the cardiovascular system and blood pressure, is related to sodium and water retention, along with the reduction of the levels of potassium in the blood.

High pressure



PROFESSOR John Swales, from the University of Leicester, has recently reviewed treatment of high blood pressure in the journal *General Practitioner*. Professor Swales recommends that any patient with a borderline blood pressure should have it carefully monitored for three to six months. During this period, such risk factors as obesity, heavy alcohol intake and slothfulness should be avoided and salt intake restricted. If, despite these measures, the diastolic blood pressure, the lower of the two readings recorded by doctors, remains over 100, or the systolic pressure, the higher of the two readings, exceeds 160, treatment with drugs should be started. Professor Swales stresses that these criteria are not raised with age: if anything, they should be lowered as increasing age makes a stroke more likely and the need to control blood pressure more important. He suggests that patients over 60, with a diastolic blood pressure above 95, need active treatment.

Professor Swales summarises the use of ACE inhibitors in the treatment of hypertension, particularly when the raised blood pressure is associated with cardiac failure.

Elsewhere in the journal is a warning that diabetic patients taking ACE inhibitors should be on guard against hypoglycaemic attacks, stemming from blood sugar being allowed to fall too low. Evidence first published in *The Lancet* suggests these attacks may be much more common in diabetic patients taking ACE inhibitors.

Secrets of a good night's sleep

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh on how to cure insomnia without resorting to pills

A friend of mine has taken to walking his colicky baby round the block at 1am. He often meets an elderly gentleman, fully dressed in collar and tie, who paces the pavement or reads his newspaper by street light. The other day they got chatting, and my friend asked him what kept him up at this time every night. "Well," he said, "you can't just lie there, can you?"

For every person who goes to a doctor with sleep problems, 99 suffer in silence. One-third of all adults and half of the over-65s suffer from insomnia — difficulty getting to sleep, waking early, or tossing and turning during the night. Not surprisingly, associated symptoms include daytime drowsiness, poor concentration, irritability and a twofold increase in the risk of serious road traffic accidents.

Doctors are widely believed to be unsympathetic to the complaint of insomnia, and the prescription of sleeping tablets, particularly benzodiazepines such as Valium, Temazepam, Ativan, Mogadon or Librium, has become distinctly unfashionable. But in their heyday, these drugs appeared on 30 million prescriptions a year in Britain.

Addiction to benzodiazepines is now a well accepted phenomenon, yet it was once vigorously denied by doctors. In his 1992 book, *Power and Dependence*, Charles Medawar gives a chilling historical account of how alcohol, opiates, cocaine, chloral hydrate, bromides, barbiturates and benzodiazepines were each in turn hailed by the medical profession as safe, effective, and the "antidote" for dependence on its predecessors.

Surveys by *That's Life* and *Woman's Own* in the late 1980s uncovered more possible cases of benzodiazepine dependence in a few weeks than the official doctors' reporting system of Yellow Cards did in the previous three decades.

Now that the high risk of addiction is recognised, official recommendations limit new prescriptions for benzodiazepines to four weeks. But what are the options for insomnia sufferers in the post-benzodiazepine era? A report published recently by the Scottish Home and Health Office, *The Management of Anxiety and Insomnia*, presents the alternatives for doctors and their patients.

The first step is to make a detailed assessment of what the problem is. A thorough examination may reveal physical conditions which interfere with sleep, such as true (bronchial) asthma, breathlessness due to heart failure (cardiac asthma), obstructive sleep apnoea (intermittent blockage of the air passages by overenlarged tonsils in a heavy snorer), pain (most commonly from an ulcer or back trouble), leg cramps, and bladder problems from kidney disease or diabetes. Parkinson's disease and depression are frequently missed in older people.

Once underlying medical problems have been excluded, the treatment of insomnia relies crucially on the patient identifying what the symptoms are (difficulty getting to sleep or frequent waking), what the likely cause is (not feeling tired, racing or disturbing thoughts, noisy neighbours, etc) and what, if anything, makes things better. Although many insomniacs believe they have tried everything, a fresh look at lifestyle and bedtime rituals can sometimes identify habits which interfere with sleep.

An alcoholic or milky nightcap, for example, is more likely to keep you awake than send you to sleep, as are reading or watching TV in bed, and even leaving the light on and talking. The Good Sleep Guide, reproduced in *The Management of Anxiety and Insomnia*, recommends light exercise in the early evening but nothing strenuous or mentally demanding for 90 minutes before bed.

Late-night snacks should be small, and tea and coffee avoided. Problems with the physical environment, such as an uncomfortable bed or a stuffy bedroom, should be put right. If you are still awake after 20 minutes in bed, get up and leave the room, returning only when you are "sleepy tired".

Such strategies have been shown to improve symptoms significantly in 70 to 80 per cent of sufferers and are more effective than benzodiazepines after the initial four weeks. Another approach that has produced impressive results in research studies is sleep restriction therapy, in which the patient sets an alarm every day for a time which is earlier than his or her natural waking time. This must be continued until the sleep pattern settles down; cat-napping during the day must be avoided.

Some personality types (conscientious, anxious, hard-working but disorganised) have a tendency to take daytime problems to bed with them. "Time management" techniques can help here, and should alleviate daytime anxiety as well. Before going to bed (but not in the bedroom), reflect on the day past, assess your achievements in relation to what you had hoped to get done, and make a list of unfinished tasks, allocating time for them but not doing the actual work. However, sleep specialist Professor Colin Shapiro of Toronto University says: "Sleep cannot be expected to make up for an undisciplined or overly taxing lifestyle; it is not infinitely flexible or restorative."

Daytime exposure to bright light helps the sleepless

A new approach to insomnia uses the well-known but ill-understood finding that timed exposure to bright light for a restricted period every day reduces the time taken to fall asleep and improves the proportion of time spent in the different stages of sleep. In one recent study reported in an American medical journal, 16 hardened insomniacs all experienced longer and more refreshing sleep after just 12 days of fluorescent therapy.

For those who have genuinely tried all non-drug methods and failed to achieve an adequate sleep pattern, benzodiazepines are still occasionally prescribed. If used less than once a week, the risk of addiction is minimal and short courses can break the vicious cycle of poor sleep leading to anxiety about sleep, leading to even poorer sleep.

A new class of hypnotic drugs, the cyclopyrolones, which include zopiclone (Zimovane) and zolpidem, are said to promote sleep without disturbing the time spent in different sleep stages, although whether this property prevents or promotes long-term dependence remains to be seen. The manufacturers are playing safe and not recommending treatment for longer than four weeks; most doctors, mindful of the possibility of a postcript to Mr Medawar's book, are prescribing them cautiously, if at all.

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■ The Islington child abuse disaster dwarfs any Tory sleaze, and shows the dangers of "positive" discrimination

What a good joke it seemed to be at the time: the People's Republic of Islington. Ha, ha, ha. Remember those wonderful lobby groups — Hackney Gay Window Cleaners Against the Cuts? Ha, ha, ha. Well, nobody is laughing any more. That half-affectionate nickname, "loony left", suggested a silly but largely ineffectual gaggle of sandbox politicians: an Ealing comedy army of loopy activists and small-time fixers with grandiose ideological dreams. But apart from escalating rates bills and a dire influence on local education, the whole thing seemed more risible than sinister.

But while we all smirked, there were children whose lives were being destroyed. Because of its "positive bias" toward ethnic minorities, women and homosexuals, Islington council refused to countenance any suspicion of staff who were exploiting the children entrusted to them. During the 1980s, young people in the borough's care were apparently subjected to organised abuse by paedophiles and pimps. Girls and boys were coerced into prostitution, drug use and violent sexual activity.

> Certain minorities apparently could not be investigated

The managers under whom these crimes were committed could not control such activity because the council's political ethos would not permit any accusations against members of certain minorities.

Forget any idea that this see-no-evil policy was being enforced only in borough backrooms — that no high-profile Labour politician would have been complicit with such complacency. When the London *Evening Standard* exposed Islington's child-abuse rackets in 1992, none other than Margaret Hodge — then the leader of Islington Labour Council — declared the charges to be outrageous. Instead of ordering an investigation into the morass, Mrs Hodge issued a statement that was little more than a shriek of abuse at the newspaper: "...a sensationalist piece of gutter journalism". Those managers who believed that they would not be supported in any attempt to clean up Islington child-care obviously had a sound understanding of their council's political priorities.

Time moves on. Mrs Hodge is now MP for Barking. As one of Tony Blair's moderate modernisers, she would not any longer leap to the defence of a system that put the interests of minority sexual orientation above the protection of children. If you think this remark unfair, note that the White report, which has finally lifted the lid on all this, states that "Islington's positive bias toward certain groups" precluded any "strong ethos... protecting children at risk".

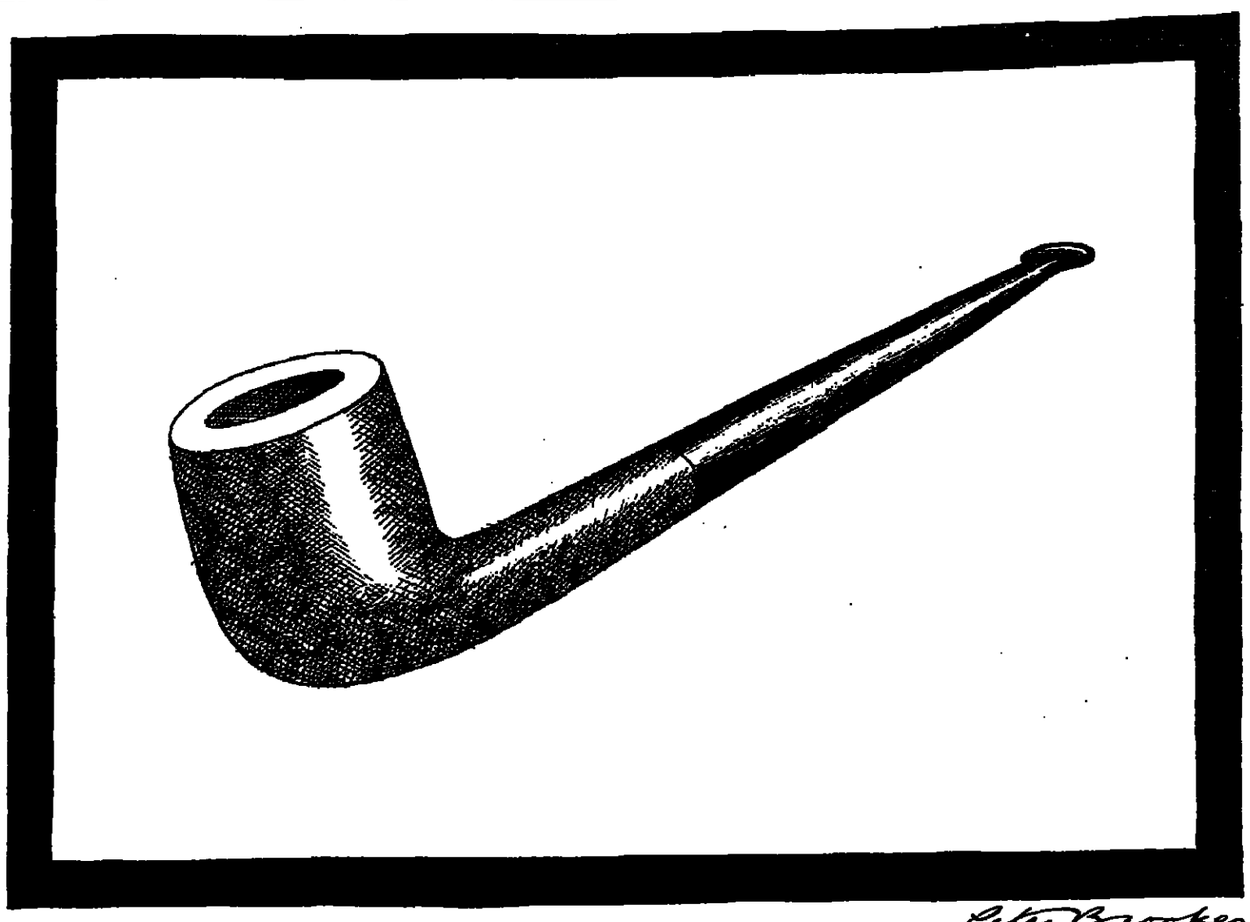
Mrs Hodge has commented with some pride in recent interviews that many of the measures that were labelled "loony" when first enacted by Islington council — like the "equal opportunities" employment rules which the White report shows to have been so misused — are now standard procedure in the public services. Certainly they have become an accepted part of Labour Party policy.

As I write, Mrs Hodge has responded to the White revelations with a statement saying that she has not yet read the report and therefore cannot comment on it. I await her considered opinion with great interest, since she presided over a scandal of such dimensions as to make all the Tory sleaze stories of recent years seem ludicrously trivial. That she did so unknowingly does not absolve her from responsibility. Indeed, her demonstrable ignorance of the facts would have made it all the more incumbent upon her to launch a proper investigation. The very people who have been so forthcoming to Ian White for the purposes of this report would presumably have been happy to inform her of the truth had she asked.

There is a new political generation controlling Islington now, which is anxious to distance itself from the bad old days. But even if an unwholesome hegemony has been broken up, some of its chief participants have become better ensconced than ever within the bosom of "new" Labour.

And what of that philosophy of positive discrimination which, as Mrs Hodge has observed, is now so widely disseminated? What did the damage in Islington was the favourable discretion shown to gays and racial minorities, whose personal privacy was regarded as sacrosanct. Any allegations made against them were assumed either to result from prejudice or, worse, were not followed up for fear of evoking charges of prejudice. Gay staff were exempted from any investigation which could be interpreted as casting aspersions on their motives.

This differential treatment is a form of discrimination that is much more difficult to legislate against than hiring on a quota system — which is, in fact, illegal. So where do Mrs Hodge and her leader, Tony Blair, stand now? As Labour imposes women-only shortlists, is it likely to admit that positive discrimination of any kind is wrong? That, however pure its intentions, it is simply favouritism by another name? Will they now agree that when merit ceases to be the ground for choosing employees, the door is opened to corruption of the worst possible kind?



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Great expectations

Wilson was brilliant at winning power, but didn't know what to do with it

William Rees-Mogg

Wilson was not the first democratic politician — nor will he be the last — who knew how to win power, but did not know what to do with it when he got it. Whatever his failings as a Prime Minister, he was the most skilful party leader the Labour Party has ever had, winning four out of the five elections he contested. In this century, only Margaret Thatcher, who never lost an election, and Stanley Baldwin, who can also claim to have won four elections (if one counts the National Government victory in 1931), have been equally successful in the party role. Yet Harold Wilson's character was much closer to Baldwin's than to Thatcher's. She made historic changes to policy; like Baldwin, Wilson has left behind little that proved permanent.

When Hugh Gaitskell died, early in 1963, there were three candidates for the leadership of the Labour Party: Harold Wilson, George Brown and James Callaghan. Wilson, though never very left-wing, had the support of that wing of the party; George Brown, who lost support because he was so drunken and tempestuous, was still a serious political figure with strong powers of judgment; James Callaghan appealed to the centre and to the senior members of the parliamentary party, but never had enough support to come close to winning. John Strachey was one of James Callaghan's supporters. I remember him saying, as I saw him to the lift, "Harold Wilson will win the leadership and will probably win the election, but it will prove to be a disaster for the Labour Party and the country as well."

In 1963-64, Wilson proved to be a superb Leader of the Opposition, technically better at that job than anyone else since the war, or perhaps since Gladstone. He was a brilliant debater, he had always had a great command of fact, and had acquired a dry skill in using political wit. Yet his vital achievement was not in debate, but in the orchestration of two powerful myths, in which most people, even Conservatives, were persuaded to believe. The first was that the Macmillan Conservatives were hopelessly out of date, scandalously corrupt, class-ridden and ineffective. The Macmillan Government had indeed run out of ideas. Wilson turned its fatigue into a nationwide myth of impotence and exhaustion.

The other myth was that Labour thoroughly understood the new technology and would make Britain competitive with the most advanced of the world's economies. By 1963, Britain had been left behind by Germany and Japan, and was far behind America. Wilson won the 1964 election by persuading the electorate that the Labour Party would put this right. By the mid 1960s Labour was the natural party for scientists and young technocrats; by appealing to them, Wilson convinced a much wider audience.

I was taken in with the rest. I remember arranging a lunch for him to meet Sir Leon Bagrit, the father of the British computer industry, who delivered the 1965 Reith Lectures on *The Age of Automation*. Both Bagrit and I were impressed by Harold Wilson's knowledge of the subject and by his eagerness to learn more. No doubt we were both misled, but I believe that Wilson had convinced himself that he could and would regenerate Britain by encouraging new technology.

In the event, he did amazingly little about it. If I had been taken in, I was almost immediately disillusioned. The appointment of Frank Cousins as Minister for Industry in the first 1964 Government showed that Wilson could not be serious about technological development. No one less suitable for that purpose than Frank Cousins could have been found; the appointment was merely a manoeuvre to keep the support of left-wing trade unions. Yet this profound failure of purpose was very damaging to Wilson himself. Despite a large majority in 1966, he had raised expectations far beyond anything he could deliver, and the Labour Party has paid for it for 30 years.

My next experience of Harold Wilson was also disillusioning. In the summer of 1966, Roy Thomson was negotiating to buy *The Times*. The Labour Government had to decide whether or not to refer the purchase to the Monopolies Commission. Roy Thomson had already decided that he would make Denis Hamilton the chairman of Times Newspapers, Harold Evans Editor of *The Sunday Times* and me Editor of *The Times*. Harold Wilson invited us all down to Chequers for the night — Roy Thomson sensibly went home to his own bed — to decide whether to approve the purchase.

At dinner, Harold Wilson raised the question of David Wood, the excellent political correspondent of *The Times*, who had recently written some perfectly accurate stories which the Government had not liked. The Prime Minister expressed the hope that *The Times* would find a more sympathetic correspondent. There was at least a hint that this might be a condition of approval. Roy Thomson looked at his blue and white Chequers plate; Denis Hamilton looked at his plate: I looked at my plate. I can remember thinking that if Wilson thought that silence gave consent, the consequences would be on him. We passed to the next subject. Denis, Harold and I stayed up late that night listening to stories about the Prime Minister's brilliant successes in the Rhodesian negotiations. After I went to bed at last, I was to be awakened in the middle of the night by the leaking of the hot-water bottle in what had once been Harold Macmillan's four-poster. Thus was the sale of *The Times* given official approval. David Wood remained our political correspondent for many years.

That was not one of the better moments. There were other times when I found Wilson's fitful frankness strangely endearing. In the late 1960s I had an interview with him in the Cabinet rooms. At the time, his Cabinet was much criticised because several of its members were thought to be below Cabinet quality. Most of them, as I remember, were called "Fred". I asked Harold Wilson why he kept all the Freds in office. "You have to remember", he replied, "that the weakest members of my Cabinet are those who are most loyal to me."

In the late 1960s, Harold Wilson did make a serious attempt to solve one of the worst of Britain's economic problems. In 1968 he appointed Barbara Castle, then as now a real fighter, as Secretary of State for Employment and Productivity. She decided, with great courage, to tackle the issue of trade union reform. She published a White Paper, *In Place of Strife*. Every left-wing reactionary in the trade union movement was determined to stop her. James Callaghan, then Home Secretary, intrigued against her. Harold Wilson supported her, but he was no Margaret Thatcher, and his support was not sustained. He always put party unity first.

Undoubtedly, Wilson expected to win the general election of June 1970. He was far ahead in the polls; indeed the last poll we published in *The Times* forecast a Labour majority of over 150. The Conservative victory under Ted Heath came as a shattering blow to him, and it permanently undermined Harold Wilson's self-confidence. Having been a most formidable Leader of the Opposition, in 1963-64, he seemed to hold little more than a watching brief in the period 1970-74.

In the two elections of 1974, he was probably surprised to win the first but disappointed not to have a larger majority in the second. He came back to office in 1974 ill-prepared. He had no answer to the central economic issue of world inflation. He probably did not even believe in the nationalisation proposals which were the most controversial elements in the Labour programme. He presided over rather than led the Labour Government for a couple of years, and retired in 1976 with every sign of relief. After the defeat of 1970, the spring had gone out of him. In his retirement he suffered a very long period of deteriorating health, for which there was universal sympathy.

Even on the day after his death, one has to speak the truth as one sees it about a Prime Minister. Wilson was an intelligent and kindly man. He meant well by people. He was in his earlier days a formidable Leader of the Opposition and was always a very skilful parliamentarian and party leader. But the 15 years of Labour predominance which he won after 1964 were a time when Britain's problems were largely evaded or deferred; the opportunities were missed. The country paid the price for the defects of an amiable and clever man.

Labour's brightest and best

Gerald Kaufman remembers Harold Wilson

Harold Wilson was the most successful and the most charismatic leader in the Labour Party's history. He won four elections (more than any other Prime Minister in modern times), gained Labour 11 of its total of 20 years in power, and in his heyday from 1963 to 1966 was almost worshipped by millions of admirers and feared by political opponents both inside and outside his own party.

I saw Wilson nearly every day for five years as his political press adviser at No 10. I walked with him into No 10 when, after 44 months in the wilderness, he regained office in March 1974 ("I still can't believe it!" he marvelled to me, as we watched on the TV news his resumption of the office). I served in his 1974 Government, and as junior minister in charge of the government car service I was indirectly apprised of his intention to retire by a memo instructing me to make a car and driver available to all former prime ministers.

He was the nicest man I ever knew, and the cleverest. He had the amazing ability to detach his mind from the most serious problems to deal with a trivial difficulty. Though always wary of plotters inside his Cabinet, he was broad-minded and cunning enough to promote his most dangerous critics and most threatening rivals, like Roy Jenkins and Jim Callaghan.

To the very few of us whom he trusted totally, he was at once generous and brutal. He listened carefully to advice, sometimes took it and sometimes rejected it, and only snarled when he had rejected advice (such as not to put David Owen in his Government) which he later accepted had been right.

While exceptionally sophisticated politically, with a solution for every problem large and small (for example, his inspired decision to remove Tony Benn from the Department of Industry by putting him in the Department of Energy which, as it dealt entirely with nationalised industries, Benn could not possibly refuse), he was a simple man personally. He was not interested in food, being content with a steak drowned in HP sauce.

He was not pretentious culturally, though he understood the value of the arts and did more for them than any Prime Minister before or since. He loved Gilbert and Sullivan and enjoyed singing hymns with his wife, Mary. When he did light upon something more highbrow which he enjoyed he felt he had to share it (President Nixon, on a visit, was probably bewildered to be taken to see Nicol Williamson's *Hamlet*).

In some ways he was unrealistic. He was convinced that, given the chance, he could solve the Vietnam problem, even sending a junior minister on a strange and fruitless mission to Hanoi. He annoyed many members of the party by refusing to condemn President Johnson's bombing of North Vietnam, yet annoyed Johnson even more by refusing to send even a battalion of British bagpipers to Vietnam.

He made his full share of mistakes, of which the most serious was his failure to devalue the pound in October 1964 or July 1966 and then, on devaluing it in November 1967, making his notorious "Pound in your pocket" television broadcast, which none of his advisers, including me, had the intelligence to warn him against. Badly advised as to the chances of getting it through the Commons, he abandoned a reform of trade union law that might, if implemented, have kept both Heath and Thatcher out of Downing Street.

Yet he had many successes. He fostered British industry and exports, and regenerated derelict areas by his regional policies. He was responsible for a huge and high-quality housing programme. He was the only Prime Minister to spend more on education than defence. He created one of the two lasting monuments to socialism, the Open University (the other being the health service).

Helped by his brilliant political secretary, Marcia Williams, he was a marvellous constituency MP in Huyton, holding regular surgeries at local Labour clubs. He was superb at informal party functions, chatting casually with members and putting the most bashful at their ease. At his peak he could dominate the Commons with invective and wit. He shunned speechwriters, yet after starting as one of the dreariest speakers around, he became a master of oratory and repartee who could have huge audiences roaring with enthusiasm, and floor hecklers (whose interventions he sometimes deliberately provoked) with deadly impromptu quips.

After writing a series of dull memoirs himself, in his later years he began to be reassessed at his true worth, particularly in Ben Pimlott's biography. Many will never forget his masterly appearances on TV, smoking the pipe that became his symbol (and which he really did smoke in private). He was the best thing that ever happened to the Labour Party, and millions of his fellow citizens led more comfortable and more fulfilled lives as a result.

College prize

ONE OF THE most cherished university posts in Britain has been accepted by Michael Beloff, QC, a deputy High Court judge. Beloff, 53, will take over next summer as President of Trinity College, Oxford, from Sir John Burgh, formerly Director-General of the British Council.

Beloff is joint head of the Gray's Inn chambers where Tony Blair's wife Cherie Booth works. He defended Gillian Taylforth in her unsuccessful libel action against *The Sun*; he is also counsel to Mohamed Al Fayed and his brother Ali, who are bidding for British citizenship; and he helped to secure Tottenham Hotspur's readmission to the FA Cup.

As a barrister, he is said to earn up to £1 million a year, but yesterday he pronounced himself "very pleased" with his new position: "By the time I take up the appointment, I will have had 15 strenuous years as a QC. I am looking forward to a change of pace, although I will still be able, if time allows, to practise a little law."

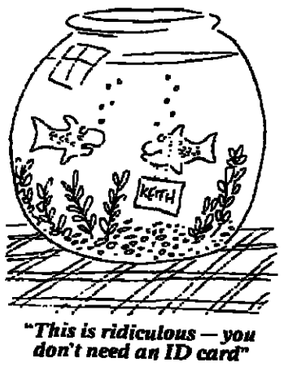
Educated at Eton and Magdalen, Beloff lectured in law at Trinity for two years. "I've always been an Oxford man," he said. "And I've always kept a house there." It may no longer be needed: the President's Lodge, set in Trinity's lawns and gardens, is one of the most desirable homes in Oxford.

Co-ed

THERE is new blood at Uppingham School: Sarah Buxton has been appointed bursar — the first woman to hold such a post in a leading boys' public school. "Actually it's bedlam here at the moment," says Buxton, 35. "We're preparing for speech day this weekend and it's a bit like a military campaign."

After stints with accountants Ernst & Young, PA Consulting and Guinness Brewing, she is to tend the commercial "health" of Uppingham while continuing to turn out distinguished pupils.

In the past, the school has nurtured the talents of Boris Karloff, the Heritage Secretary, Stephen Dorrell, and Stephen Fry, whom she remembers as a fellow student at Cambridge. "But he's *hardly* a recommendation," says Buxton.



"This is ridiculous — you don't need an ID card"

Hit wicket

A DELICATE problem has arisen for John Redwood, the dry Welsh Secretary. As a cricket buff and the only senior minister to play regularly, he has signed up for the Lords & Commons cricket team's three-day visit to Holland next month to play their Dutch counterparts.

Now he has learnt that Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy firm, is sponsoring the trip. "He's not sure what to do," says a colleague. "Should he go, but pay his own way? Cancel? Or just go like the others and declare it in the register?"

As the firm has contributed to the team's costs before, other cricketing MPs playing are not fretting about it. But some players wonder if Redwood's inclusion in the trip is wise. In a match last week, he was declared out after he hit his own wicket — inauspicious for any minister.

Track record

HAROLD WILSON'S leadership skills were apparent from an early age. His childhood friend Harold Ainley, aged 80, claims he was the driving force behind Cub Scout adventures. While Wilson's career took him from Huddersfield to Downing Street, Ainley became a dispensing chemist's assistant in the Yorkshire town.

Their friendship was forged at the local Hornby model railway club and Milnsbridge Cub Scouts. "We were Hornby and Meccano fanatics. Harold had a track, and we used to spend all our Christmas money extending it," recalls Ainley. "He was a patrol leader and later a King's Scout. We never used to put stones or bottles of cold water down his bed like we did others." One defining moment came on a Scouts' trip to Holland. "We had a week over there, connected with Esperanto. Harold *did* learn a bit of it, but the dumb 'uns like me didn't, of course."

Bath time

THE GRIZZLED visage of Bob Geldof greeted partygoers at a west London hotel on Tuesday night, where Marie Helvin was entertaining guests for the launch of her book of health tips, *Bodypure*.

Geldof announced that he too was thinking of cashing in on the fashion bandwagon. "I might launch a body perfume. I'd call it 'Stink'," he said. Fellow reveller Robert Sangster thought this a sound idea: "He certainly looks as if he could do with body perfume. In fact he looks as if he has a bath only once a month." Sangster was well groomed in comparison. "I have a bath a day — I get into my wife's every morning after she's finished with it."



Geldof with Marie Helvin

● *Commuters on the London Underground should have their wits about them this morning. One thousand schoolboys will be swarming onto the Tube. Latymer Upper School (alumni: Hugh Grant, Mel Smith and Alan Rickman) has chartered a train to ferry pupils to St Paul's Cathedral for a centenary Founder's Day service.*

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WILSON, MAJOR AND BLAIR

The classical lessons of a consummate party manager

Great prime ministers are great by virtue of their powers of leadership and their commanding vision, not by their party management skills. It was Harold Wilson's tragedy that he was a great party manager and a decent man but not a great Prime Minister in the style of Lloyd George, Winston Churchill or Margaret Thatcher.

Mr Wilson held his party together and won four election victories through charm, energy and an unequalled mastery of the black political arts in which he far outstripped his opponents, both within and without his party. Mr Wilson was a fine advertisement for the upward social mobility of 20th-century Britain, coming from humble origins to become a youthful Labour minister and, unexpectedly, leader of his party and Prime Minister. But he could only paper over the cracks in Labour, leaving its divisions on the great issues of the day — especially Europe — unresolved. He lived in constant fear that, despite his electoral successes, colleagues were plotting to overthrow him. Friends of another decent man, John Major, will have been reminded of the similarities yesterday.

Political commentators will inevitably make comparisons between Mr Wilson's great achievement in winning office after 13 years of Conservative rule and the prospects of the current Leader of the Opposition in ending another prolonged era of Tory Government. Both men achieved their eminence by the sadly premature deaths of their predecessors, Hugh Gaitskell and John Smith respectively. We hope for Tony Blair's sake as well as our own that his programme does not betray, in like manner, his early promise.

It is also worth reflecting upon the Conservative Party's present, unquiet period of office and the remarkable ties which bind Mr Wilson and Mr Major. The latter can also be congratulated for his rise from obscurity. But neither Prime Minister was or is a man of fierce conviction. On the value of sterling both men followed the orthodoxies of their day and, in consequence, suffered a crisis of economic credibility after forced devaluations in 1967 and 1992. Never mind that the policies of the Opposition were no more intelligent than their own: ultimately, an occupant of No 10 cannot escape responsibility for his Government.

On Europe neither Mr Wilson nor Mr Major found it easy to unite their parties. In contrast to Mr Heath's certainty about the value of entering the European Community, Mr Wilson offered an uneasy compromise. In contrast to Mr Heath and (contrariwise) Baroness Thatcher, Mr Major still offers shifting compromises. Perhaps both men were given a task beyond the capacity of even the best party manager. Certainly Mr Major will struggle, like Mr Wilson, to leave his successor a party which can rally behind a united position on Europe.

We are left with the observations of Mr Wilson's biographer, Ben Pimlott. "When Labour did well, Wilson received much of the credit. It was natural, perhaps even fair, that when it did badly, he should get the blame. It was also inevitable that his enemies should take heart. In the Tea Room and in rumour-filled newspaper offices, innumerable scenarios for the Prime Minister's forced departure were painted in vivid colours. 'We discussed the mechanics of how he might be replaced endlessly' recalls William Rodgers, then a junior minister. None of the schemes came to anything."

QUESTIONS OF IDENTITY

The ID card issue should never have been touched

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has wisely refrained from favouring any one of the six options on identity cards set out in yesterday's Green Paper. Having raised this delicate issue, he will find enemies around every corner. Opponents of any form of national ID card are as passionate as proponents of the strongest option, the compulsory card. Whatever Mr Howard now decides to do, he will incur the wrath of a substantial section of the population, many of whom are his own supporters.

The ID card argument is by no means a neat party political one. Right-wing libertarians vie with right-wing authoritarians in the vociferousness of their views. This is a policy on which Mr Howard need never have embarked — it is a "solution" for which there is no corresponding problem. He is now bound to enrage one or other of the constituencies within his own party which have traditionally managed to coexist in relative peace.

It is hard, therefore, to understand why the Government touched the issue of ID cards at all. It is not as if there would be great public expenditure savings. Of the Green Paper's proposed options, the only one that might aid the police would be the toughest, a compulsory ID card which would have to be produced on demand. Even then, the most serious villains — terrorists and organised criminals — would be the most likely to be able to obtain forged cards, giving themselves a spurious respectability which might actually hamper police investigations.

Such cards would be expensive to issue: the Home Office's conservative estimate is £600 million, and that excludes the costs of enforcement and continuing administration. Each citizen would have to go through an onerous procedure to prove his or her identity, similar to that needed for obtaining a passport. This would presumably have to be repeated for the card to be renewed or replaced. Most offensive, though, would be the requirement to carry the card at all times. One of the great freedoms that Britons possess as citizens of an island nation is to go about their peaceful business without having to account for their existence to any authority.

A voluntary card would have no obvious benefits in the fight against crime. But it would soon become compulsory in all but name. This has happened in France, for example, where every petty bureaucrat demands to see an ID card. Even the Green Paper admits that in countries where cards are voluntary, "the need to prove identity for many official purposes makes holding an identity card a necessity". Britons may be happy to produce a driving licence for the purposes of driving a car, or a credit card in order to buy goods, but they are likely to recoil from having to carry a piece of plastic merely in order to exist within the law.

It was during and after the last War that the last experiment with ID cards was made. Wartime cards, which were compulsory, were continued into peacetime to the fury of law-abiding citizens. Eventually, after a respectable middle-class man refused to produce his papers to the police because he had done no wrong, a public uprising forced the Government of the day to abolish ID cards. This Government has surely caused enough fury in Middle England already not to risk provoking any more.

THE FURORE OF THE GARDEN

Another institution in need of weeding, mulch and pruning

The Chelsea Flower Show opens to the public today. So prudent commuters who travel anywhere near the Embankment should allow longer for their journeys. Tomorrow the 5pm bell rings for bedlam, when exhibitors have to sell off their wares for whatever they will fetch before closing-time. Miraculously cured invalids have been observed pushing their wheelchairs loaded down with plants, and there is no need to ask the way to Sloane Square station. Just follow Birnam Wood and the spoor of delphinium petals.

The oldest and most famous flower show brings an endearing breath of the garden centre into the heart of London. Like the Boat Race and the Cup Final it is a fixed point in the London Season. And horticulture being even more of a national sport than university rowing or football, it offers more drama than either. There is something new for everybody, from the cultivator of the window-box to the travelling collector of stately gardens.

This year is notable for the Dig for Victory display demonstrating wartime husbandry (and renamed WID or "Wop It Down" for Victory 50 years ago). The colours of the flowers seem Post-Modernist Op Art rather than Laura Ashley pastels, and it is possible to walk for a quarter of a mile between machinery and garden furniture without ever setting eye on a living plant.

Like such other Victorian institutions as the Rugby Football Union and the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, the Royal Horticultural Society combines high professionalism with quaint amateurism in its administration. Its plants and gardening technology are state-of-the-greenery and fiercely commercial. The Chelsea Flower Show is run with D-Day precision. And yesterday the RHS announced a £25-million plan to develop its garden centre at Wisley. Yet at the same time the old fuchsias who run it regard democracy for their 180,000 members with as much dismay and distaste as their former president, the Prince Consort, would have done. Their plan to remove their Lindley Library, the greatest horticultural and botanical collections in the world, from Pimlico to Wisley was announced as a *fait accompli*. This little-known public library indeed needs bigger and better quarters for its valuable collections. But like the Chelsea Flower Show, it should be in London rather than a Surrey suburb.

The world has moved on since Prince Albert died, and members of the RHS are articulate and opinionated gardeners of Middle England, unlikely to throw in the trowel just because they are told to. Such was the indignation aroused by the plan to move the Lindley Library to Wisley that Sir Stephen Gibson has been commissioned to prepare a report on the options. These include taking over the Rochester Row police station, a stone's throw from the present library and about to be decommissioned. This would provide ample room for the RHS collections. There could also be an acre of roof garden, and space for a London seed bank with stocks from commercial merchants and scientific institutions.

Gibson will report in July. There must then be a postal ballot of RHS members, with the council being bound by rather than just "taking into account" their votes. National institutions, like plants, must continually adapt to the environment or die.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Statue for Wilde in theatreland

From Mr Jeremy Isaacs and others

Sir, Oscar Wilde, the writer and the man, deserves a prominent public memorial in London, in addition to the window panel recently inscribed in Westminster Abbey (report, February 15). We, the undersigned, announce, on the anniversary of his conviction, that we propose to put up a statue to him in London's theatreland. It will be erected in 1997, to mark the centenary of his release from jail.

By his language and wit, his ideas and his demeanour, Wilde commands our admiration and our gratitude. His work delights generation after generation. We seek to honour him by a visual memorial, and we have the sympathetic encouragement of Westminster City Council, as we prepare to seek planning permission from them.

When we have formal permission for a site, and have chosen a sculptor, a public appeal for funds will be launched.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY ISAACS,
COLIN AMERY,
KENNETH BAKER,
JUDI DENCH,
RICHARD EYRE,
MICHAEL FOOT,
GREY GOWRIE,
SEAMUS HEANEY,
MERLIN HOLLAND,
NICHOLAS HYTNER,
IAN McKELLEN,
MATTHEW PARRIS,
SIMON SAINSBURY,
St JOHN of FAWSLEY,
ANTHONY SMITH,
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The Monument Trust,
9 Red Lion Court, EC4.
May 24.

Prayers for the dead

From the Reverend J. C. Edwards, SJ

Sir, Christians (mostly Catholics) who pray for the dead believe, as Mr Spanner seems to (May 17), that "the eternal destiny of the departed is fixed at the moment of death". But they think that among those who are saved may be some (perhaps most of us) who need to re-grow some of the spiritual mutilations they may have inflicted on themselves in this life, before they can enjoy God as he wants them to.

We think this re-growing (or purification) takes place through the co-operation of the whole Church. So since we can't be certain that Hitler, or anybody come to that, is damned, we could pray for him.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. EDWARDS,
114 Mount Street, W1.
May 18.

From the Chaplain of Millfield

Sir, Your recent correspondence reminds me of Lord Shaftesbury's reflection on the evening of his wife's death that it was the first time he had been unable to pray with her. He might have been comforted had he remembered that the Apostles' Creed professes belief in the *communion of saints*, the unity of the church on earth with the church beyond the grave. There is a subtle difference between prayers for the dead and prayers *with* the dead. The latter is fully consistent with an evangelical understanding of the atonement.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BLOXAM-ROSE,
Orchard Leigh, Butleigh Road,
Street, Somerset.
May 18.

From the Reverend Canon Peter Brett

Sir, Prayer is an expression of care. Why should we cease to care because a human body becomes unable to do its job as the embodiment of a person?

I have seen many people through the moment of their "death" and not one was good enough for heaven or bad enough for hell. What a moment for love and care to dry up!

Yours faithfully,
PETER BRETT,
22 The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent.
May 17.

Events beyond recall

From Mr Ralph Blumenau

Sir, Baroness Cox is one of the large number of fairly senior citizens who bemoan the fact that a significant proportion of children aged 11 to 14 do not know who Winston Churchill was and are ignorant of the Holocaust (report, May 23).

I wonder how many 11 to 14-year-olds would have known in, say, 1939, who Lloyd George was or had heard of the Armenian massacres. Can we not remember from our childhood how infinitely remote to us were events all of half a century earlier (and less), even if they were included in the syllabus for 11 to 14-year-olds (by no means always the case)?

We are constantly shocked by what children have apparently not been taught: yet often it is knowledge that we ourselves acquired only at a later stage.

Yours faithfully,
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May 23.

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Nolan's constraints on body politic

From Mr Philip Allott

Sir, It would be interesting to know whether the Government's legal advisers considered the question of whether it was lawful for the executive branch of government to ask Lord Nolan's committee (letters, May 17, 22) to consider and make recommendations concerning the behaviour of Members of Parliament. It is also to be hoped that they will have considered the lawfulness of setting up a body external to the House of Commons to pass judgment on such behaviour.

The relevant legal provision is the ninth of the "ancient rights and liberties" of Parliament declared in the Bill of Rights Act of 1689 (New Style): That the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of parliament.

The institutional independence of the House of Commons is at the root of the constitutional order of this country.

Yours truly,
PHILIP ALLOTT,
Trinity College,
Cambridge.
May 23.

From Mr M. E. Gaisford

Sir, I believe that until comparatively recently the respect and trust enjoyed by Members of Parliament were maintained largely by public ignorance of their activities. This respect has now been very seriously undermined by relentless media exposure of their individual failings and venality; and the response to the Nolan committee's recommendations by a significant section of the Conservative Party has only served to increase the public distrust.

Mr Enoch Powell ("There's no legislating for honour", May 19) offers no specific alternative to Nolan but appears to believe that Parliament should be allowed to wash its own dirty linen in private. I am certain that this would be totally unacceptable to the public — whose belief and trust in the essential integrity of government is absolutely vital for a healthy democracy.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GAISFORD,
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Sudbrooke, Lincoln.
May 21.

From Dr Patricia A. Hind

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("MPs need proper jobs", May 17) advocates the broadening of MPs' representational interests beyond simple geography. He points out that MPs have vocational and other loyalties, citing as examples that "lawyers care about the law, farmers about agriculture, women MPs about women".

It is perhaps fortunate that the latter *do* care. Mr Jenkins clearly reveals the still-entrenched male attitude in which the female of the species is not perceived as contributing on an equal footing to the "real" world of the marketplace.

Luckily, most women MPs are perfectly capable of doing a job outside Parliament, whilst competently and conscientiously representing their constituents. Most of them are adept at running the small non-profit-making organisation known as a home, in their spare time.

Yours faithfully,
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May 18.

From Mr David Green

Sir, Mr Michael Pinto-Duschinsky ("Who pays the party pipers?", May 16) should remember that there is a long tradition of independent representation in the UK, especially in local government. Any form of direct state aid to political parties is fraught with difficulty.

Far better, surely, to widen the scope of assistance granted to candidates for local and national elections, whether or not they are members of political parties; for example, the freepost facility currently enjoyed by parliamentary candidates could be extended to local government elections and limited reimbursement of election address printing costs might be offered.

While such options would require taxpayers' money, public resources would be applied effectively to assisting communication between the voter and the candidate, rather than shoring up the inevitable centralised party bureaucracies.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
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Southport, Lancashire.
May 18.

From Mr Ian Paul

Sir, Anthony Steen, MP, is mistaken when he believes that Lord Nolan (and with him public opinion) is implying that MPs are crooks (report, May 19). What he is implying is that when MPs have so many lucrative interests, they may well be tempted to vote according to these, rather than for what is in the public interest. The response of Conservative backbenchers in yesterday's debate amply demonstrated this.

By initially colluding with this view, John Major again demonstrated that he is out of touch with public opinion, and out of step with public concerns. Labour's open and no doubt popular response to Nolan suggests that he may also soon be out of office.

Yours faithfully,
IAN PAUL,
44 Kingston Road,
Poole, Dorset.
May 19.

From Mr Victor McGrath

Sir, What is it that makes our politicians want to regulate everyone except themselves?

Yours sincerely,
J. V. McGRATH,
Avalon, Buckholt,
Monmouth, Gwent.
May 23.

Labour and judges

From Mr Paul Boateng, MP for Brent South (Labour)

Sir, Let me, before any other members of the Legal Premier League (Retired) are tempted to enter the fray, set the record straight on Labour's alleged intention to introduce a "league table of bad judges" (reports, May 16 and 17).

Labour has no such plans. The existing constitutional arrangements in relation to the judiciary will remain intact. We do, however, as but one part of a far-reaching package of reforms of our legal system, designed to put the consumer rather than the profession at its heart, intend to introduce a new, independent, lay element into the process in the form of a Judicial Appointments and Training Commission.

This will advise the Lord Chancellor on his continuing responsibility for appointment and discipline, including a more formal system for investigation of complaints against the judiciary, which may of course be published, and reporting on all these matters to Parliament through a new Select Committee on Justice and Legal Services.

We also intend to implement without further delay the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice's proposals for assessing and monitoring judicial performance. This should be quite enough to engage the minds of any judicial Cantonas.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL BOATENG
(Labour Spokesperson on
Legal Affairs),
House of Commons.

Child-sex tourists

From Mrs Jean Clark and the Reverend Graham St-John Willey

Sir, Our organisations welcome your report (May 16) that senior detectives at Scotland Yard's Paedophile and Child Pornography Unit support the concept that legislation is needed to combat the sexual exploitation of children abroad.

We have been promoting an early day motion (Children in Prostitution and Pornography) in the House of Commons since 1992, calling for the legislation which Lord Hylton's Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill seeks to introduce. Since November 4, 1992, it has received the support of 346 MPs from all parties. No other early day motion on a child welfare issue has ever received such a measure of support.

Tough new legislation is needed against those who exploit children for the sexual gratification of adults, for they are guilty of a crime against humanity.

It is an international disgrace that the UK should be one of the few developed countries whose government is still opposed to the introduction of such legislation.

We only hope that the Home Secretary will now take heed.

Yours sincerely,
JEAN CLARK
(President, National Council of Women),
GRAHAM St-JOHN WILLEY
(Action for Children Campaign),
36 Danbury Street, N1.
May 16.

From the Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Royal Thai Embassy

Sir, We welcome efforts by the media and charities to raise awareness of the problem of "sex tourists". Paedophiles holidaying abroad need to know that what is immoral and illegal at home is also immoral and illegal overseas.

However, I must correct the statistic in the Christian Aid report that there are 200,000 child prostitutes in Thailand. Surveys over the past few years conducted by independent, non-governmental organisations like the Thai Red Cross and Mahidol University have consistently put the number between 20,000 and 40,000.

Obviously, even these estimates are unacceptable, and the Government's goal is to eradicate child prostitution. But until we have an accurate assessment of the scale of the problem, it will be impossible to solve.

Yours sincerely,
PHITHAK PHROMBUBPHA,
The Royal Thai Embassy,
30 Queen's Gate, SW7.
May 17.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Coach crashes and safety barriers

From Mr S. H. Ogden

Sir, This latest motorway tragedy is a reminder of another case, that of the American tourist coach that went over a "safety barrier" on the M2 (report, November 11, 1993), and rolled down an embankment killing ten people.

Yesterday's crash also involved a coach, an embankment, and this time, seemingly, no barrier. On raised stretches of motorway it is essential that out-of-control vehicles are kept on the road. If there had been efficient barriers in these accidents, casualties might have been greatly reduced.

Campaigns for compulsory seatbelts should not divert public attention from the possibility that motorway barriers are poorly designed, sited and installed.

Yours faithfully,
S. H. OGDEN,
7 Stephen Close, Orpington, Kent.
May 24.

UNA anniversary

From Lord Richard, QC, and others

Sir, As we commemorate this year the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II, with its exposure at Auschwitz, Belsen, Dachau and elsewhere, of the very worst that human beings can inflict on each other, and of the founding of the United Nations, with the great principles enshrined in its Charter, we should not overlook the fiftieth birthday of the United Nations Association (UNA).

Its founder members, largely drawn from the ranks of the League of Nations Union, met in London on May 24, 1945, to form UNA. Undeterred by the ultimate failure of the League of Nations and, like the drafters of the UN Charter in San Francisco, determined to try again to make warfare and injustice things of the past, this devoted group of people have, over the last 50 years, continued their efforts to get successive governments more fully to live up to their international obligations under the UN Charter.

We have, as parliamentarians, been involved in various ways with UNA in their work. We much appreciate their involvement, willingly acknowledge the contribution which they have so ceaselessly made, wish them well in the future and pledge our continuing support.

Yours sincerely,
IVOR RICHARD,
DAFYDD ELIS-THOMAS,
MIKE GAPES,
EMMA NICHOLSON,
DAVID STEEL,
CYRIL D. TOWNSEND,
Palace of Westminster.
May 23.

Burma appeal

From Mr Nicholas Greenwood

Sir, Today you carry a report by James Pringle from Payathonzu, Burma, entitled "Burmese junta toughens stance on opposition as investment flows in". Saturday, May 27, marks the fifth anniversary of the general elections in Burma which the National League for Democracy won with a massive majority of 81 per cent.

Five years on, with the opposition crushed and the population cowed into submission, the illegitimate regime continues to rule with heinous brutality.

Is it not time that both the Western and South-east Asian nations responded with something rather more effective than tacit condemnation while they continue with their policy of "constructive engagement"?

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS GREENWOOD,
Right Now Books & Tours (Burma),
36c Sisters Avenue, SW11.
May 23.

Universities league

From Mr T. G. Hervey

Sir, Mr Bowater (letter, May 23) is concerned because his Cambridge degree was considered by a German university to be "only equivalent to a German polytechnic degree".

Perhaps he will take some comfort from the fact that when I applied to join Middle Temple and inquired of the Council of Legal Education about examination exemptions based on my Harvard Law School degree (which was, of course, awarded following three years of postgraduate study), I was told that the degree would be considered to be the equivalent of two English A-levels.

That's the nice thing about chauvinism: anyone can practise it. No one should take it personally.

Yours faithfully,
TOM HERVEY
(Solicitor),
13 St Marks Road,
Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.
May 23.

Premier feats

From Dr Peter W. Skelton

Sir, Harold Wilson gave us the Open University. John Major has given us the National Lottery.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SKELTON,
36 Station Road,
Woburn Sands, Buckinghamshire.
May 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 24: The Amir of the State of Kuwait this morning drove to St James's Palace in a Carriage Procession, accompanied by a Captain's Escort of the Household Cavalry with Standard, and received High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors accredited to the Court of St James's.

His Highness visited No 10 Downing Street for Talks with the Prime Minister.

Afterwards The Amir of the State of Kuwait was entertained to Luncheon by the Prime Minister on behalf of Her Majesty's Government.

His Highness this evening received an Address of Welcome at a Court of Common Council and afterwards was entertained at a Banquet by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London at Guildhall.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present.

Mr Adrian Thorpe was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambasador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines. Mrs Thorpe was also received by Her Majesty.

The Governor-General of Solomon Islands was received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George.

Mr Christopher Long was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Hungary.

Mr Paul Bergne, Her Majesty's former Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of Uzbekistan, was received in audience by The Queen upon his retirement.

Mrs Bergne was also received by Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Trustee, National Maritime Museum, this morning opened the Leopold Muller Education Centre at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10. Sir Brian McGrath was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Grand President, this afternoon chaired a Council Meeting of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League at Buckingham Palace.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening attended the 1995 Royal Society of Arts Environmental Management Awards at John Adam Street, London WC2. Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, today chaired the Annual General Meeting and attended a Luncheon at Claridge's, London W1. Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

The Duke of York this afternoon presented the prizes for The Duke of Edinburgh Charity Challenge at Wentworth Golf Club, Surrey.

His Royal Highness, Patron, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists at the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 24: The Prince of Wales, Founder and President, The Prince of Wales's Institute for Architecture, this morning chaired a Council Meeting at Gloucester Gate, London SW1.

Mr Stephen Lamport was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, this afternoon gave a Luncheon for The Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture at St James's Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 24: The Princess of Wales, Vice President, British Red Cross Society, and Patron, British Red Cross Youth and 125th Birthday Appeal, this evening attended a Reception at Christie's, King Street, London SW1, to launch the book "Freedom".

Mrs Max Pike was in attendance.

May 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Guide Association, attended the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held this morning at Commonwealth Headquarters, Buckingham Palace Road, and this afternoon at Church House, Westminster. The Lady Juliet Townsend was in attendance.

May 24: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited the Southern Housing Group's Jubilee Crescent to mark the 60th Anniversary of the Crescent, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, London E14. Mrs Michael Harvey was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
May 24: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor, this morning visited the School of Biological Sciences and this afternoon visited the Surrey Research Park, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey. Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 24: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited the YMCA Indian Student Hostel at 41 Fitzroy Square, London W1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Vice-Patron of the Royal Over-Seas League, later received Mr Peter McEntee upon retiring as Chairman and Sir Geoffrey Ellerton on assuming this appointment.

Christening

The Duchess of Kent was a godparent to the infant daughter of Lord and Lady Ralph Kerr who was christened Amabel Mary Antonella by Father Anthony Dolan, assisted by Father Daniel Cronin, at Melbourne Hall, Derbyshire, on Sunday, May 14. The other godparents are Viscount Tamworth, Mr Alexander Von Westenholtz, Mrs Anthony Gottlieb and Mrs David Palmer.

Sir John Pope-Hennessy

A Requiem Mass for Sir John Wyndham Pope-Hennessy, CBE, FBA, FRSL, FSA, will be celebrated at The Oratory, Brompton Road, London, SW3, on Thursday, June 1, at 11.00am.

School news

The Hulme Grammar Schools, Oldham
A service of thanksgiving, celebrating the opening of the Schools on May 30, 1895, was held on Wednesday at Oldham Parish Church. Canon John Sykes, Vicar of Oldham and Chaplain to The Queen, officiated and the Right Rev Christopher Mayfield, Bishop of Manchester, preached the sermon.

Former pupils, who would like details of further celebrations of the centenary, or wish to re-establish contact with the Schools, are invited to contact the Bursar, Mr David Moore (0161 624 8442).

Abingdon School
The following Scholarship elections have been made for 1995:
Mercers' Company Scholarship: N.A. Hayes, St Edward's S, Tilehurst.
Foundation Major Scholarship: M.D. Brown, Prior's Court S.
Foundation Minor Scholarships: T.J.A. Butler, Oratory Prep S; L.A.H. Haward, New College S.
Music Scholarships: J.A. Mendelsohn-Malik, Frideswide MS, Oxford/Abingdon S; D.T.J. Haworth, Christ Church Cathedral S.
Honorary Music Scholarships: S-H.T. Mak, St Paul's College, Hong Kong/Abingdon S; C.H.J. Lau, Diocesan Boys' School, Hong Kong/Abingdon S.
Music Exhibitions: R.P. Wallace, St Nicolas CES, Abingdon S; J.T.H. Rowe, St Hugh's S; M.H. Spencer-Chapman, Frideswide MS; J. Wilson, Dragon S; H.V.E.F. Allnut, Crosfields S/Abingdon S; E.M. Mason, St Nicolas CES/Abingdon S; J.E.C. Mearns, St Nicolas CES/Abingdon S.
Art and Design Scholarship: N.A. Hayes, St Edward's S, Tilehurst.
Art and Design Exhibition: T.W.J. Murray, Beachborough S.

Receptions

HM Government
Mr Alastair Goodlad, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Lord Carrington, CH, KG, President of the Voluntary Services Association, were the hosts at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday evening at Lancaster House.

Building of the Year Award 1995
Lord Carrington, KG, CH, presented *The Sunday Times* and Royal Fine Art Commission Building of the Year award at a reception held yesterday afternoon at the Savoy Hotel. Lord St John of Fawsley and Mr John Witherow were the hosts. Members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament were present.

Service dinner

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment
Lieutenant-General Sir Anthony Denison-Smith, Colonel of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires), presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Haberdashers' Hall to mark the retirement of Colonel J.W. Francis.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Peter L.O. Leaver, QC, has been elected a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn.

On This Day has been held out because of pressure on space

Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by the Amir of Kuwait at Claridge's Hotel at 8.30. The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a reception for the Army Cadet Force Association at St James's Palace at 5.45.

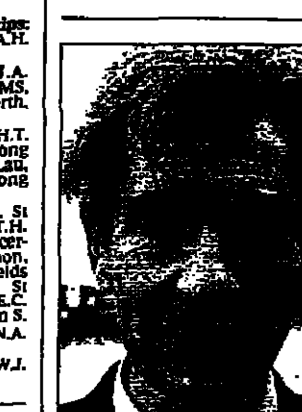
The Prince of Wales, as President of the Fountain Society, will visit the restored Victoria Fountain at Old Steine, Brighton, at 11.50; and, as Patron of Friends of the Royal Pavilion Art Gallery and Museums, will visit the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at 12.25.

Prince Edward, as patron, will attend a concert given by the London Mozart Players at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as visitor, will visit Strathcarron Hospice at Randolph Hill, Denny, Stirlingshire, at 1.10; as Patron of Citizens Advice Scotland, will open the Falkirk Voluntary Centre, Old Sheriff Court, Hope Street, Falkirk, at 3.25; and, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will preside at the Crime Concern Scotland Annual Conference 1995, Partnerships in Action, at the Carlton Highland Hotel, North Bridge, Edinburgh, at 10.30.

Princess Margaret will attend a gala fashion show given by the Royal College of Art at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent will visit the Army Medal Office, Worcester Road, Droitwich, at 10.55; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Ricoh United Kingdom Products, Priorslee, Telford, at 1.00; and Single Service, Hortonwood, at 3.15.



Sir Ian McKellen, the actor, is 56

Birthdays today

Lord Aldington, 81; Mr Kim Bailey, racehorse trainer, 42; Mr Alistair Burt, MP, 40; Mr M.A. Butt, former chairman, Eagle Star Holdings, 53; Mr Julian Clary, comedian and actor, 36; Dr Carel de Wet, South African diplomat, 41; Miss Margaret Forster, author, 57; Miss Livia Gollancz, publisher, 75; Sir Eldon Griffiths, former MP, 70; Mr Tony Hall, a director, Rea Brothers Group, 56; Baroness Hooper, 56; Sir Joseph Hotung, company chairman, 65; Sir Ralph Howell, MP, 72; Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, 57; Sir Julian Loyd, former land agent to The Queen, 69; the Right Rev Michael Mann, former Dean of Windsor, 71; Mr Dillwyn Miles, The Herald Bard, 79; Lord Plummer of St Marylebone, 81; Mr Geoffrey Robinson, MP, 57; His Honour Alastair Sharp, QC, 84; Miss Beverly Sills, operatic soprano, 66; Professor Sir Francis Vallat, QC, 83; Mr David Wynne, sculptor, 69.

Lecture

Royal Aeronautical Society
Air-Marshal Sir Roger Austin, Controller Aircraft, delivered the Sir Sydney Camm lecture to the Royal Aeronautical Society last night at 4 Hamilton Place. Air Chief Marshal Sir William Wratten, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Strike Command, and members of the Air Force Board Standing Committee were the hosts at a dinner held afterwards.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: John Stuart Bute, 3rd Earl of Bute, Prime Minister 1762-63, Edinburgh, 1713; Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist, London, 1803; Ralph Waldo Emerson, writer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1803; Jacob Burckhardt, historian, Basel, 1818; Tom Sayers, champion bare-knuckle fighter, Brighton, 1826; Max Aitken, 1st Baron Beaverbrook, newspaper proprietor, Maple, Ontario, 1879; Igor Sikorsky, pioneer of the helicopter, Kiev, 1889; Gene Tunney, boxer, New York City, 1897; Theodore Roethke, poet, Saginaw, Michigan, 1908; Miles Davis, jazz trumpeter, Alton, Illinois, 1926.

DEATHS: The Venerable Bede, theologian, Jarrow, 735; Pedro Calderón de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1681; Rosa Bonheur, animal painter, By, near Fontainbleau, 1899; Randall Thomas Davidson, Baron Davidson of Lambeth, Archbishop of Canterbury 1903-28, London, 1930; Gustave Holst, composer, London, 1934; Jacques Feyder, film director, Switzerland, 1948; Robert Capa, photographer, killed in Vietnam, 1954.

The Philadelphia Convention met to draw up the US Constitution, 1787.

The Bank Holidays Act was passed, 1871.

US athlete Jesse Owens set five new world records and equalled a sixth in less than one hour at Michigan, 1935.

The rebuilt Coventry Cathedral was consecrated, 1962.

Coopers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Coopers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr M.J.V. Housley; Upper Warden, Mr D.A. Coller; Under Warden, Mr D. Barker.

Solicitors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the City of London Solicitors' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr S.N. Beare; Senior Warden, Mr W.L. King; Junior Warden, Mrs H.L. Stone.

Dinners

Corporation of London
To mark the visit by the Emir of Kuwait to the City of London yesterday, the Lord Mayor and Corporation presented an Address of Welcome and afterwards a banquet was held in Guildhall at which the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were present. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:
Mr Abdulrahman Al-Atiqi, Mr Mohamed Al-Rifae, Mr Mohamed Al-Aradhi, Mr Ibrahim Al-Shatti, the Ambassador of Kuwait, Mr Bader Mishari Al-Humaidhi, Mr Tawfik Al-Nassar, Mr Abdulrazzak Al-Mishari, Mr Abdulaziz Al-Abdulrazzaq, Colonel Abdulhadi Al-Rajihi, the Ambassador of Egypt and Mrs Shaker, the Ambassador of Denmark and Mrs Thorning-Petersen, the Ambassador of Syria and Mrs Khodor, the Ambassador of Morocco, the Ambassador of Saudi Arabia, the Ambassador of Tunisia and Mrs Lessir, the Ambassador of Indonesia, the High Commissioner for Botswana, the Ambassador of the Czech Republic and Mrs Kühnl, the High Commissioner for Pakistan and Mrs Hasan, the Ambassador of Honduras, the Ambassador of Algeria and Mrs Bendjama, the Ambassador of Germany, the Lord Chamberlain and the Countess of Airlie, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and the Hon Lady Weatherall, the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, the Earl and Countess of Limerick, Viscount and Viscountess Long, the Hon David and Mrs Douglas-Home, the Bishop of London, Captain Humphrey Drummond of Megginch and Baroness Strange, Lord Denman, the Hon Mrs Richard Denman, Lord and Lady Keith of Kinkel, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, and Lady Thomson, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall, Lord Molloy, Mrs Betty Hyde, Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, and Lady Howe, Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar, Lord Kingsdown, KG and Lady Kingsdown, Lord and Lady Wright of Richmond, Sir David Steel, MP, Sir Richard Luce, MP, and Lady Luce, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, and Mrs Brooke, the Secretary of State for the Home Department and Mrs Howard, Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, Viscountess Cobham, the Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Baroness Hogg, the Minister of State, Northern Ireland Office and Lady Wheeler, the Minister of State for Defence Procurement and Mrs Freeman, the Lord Chief Justice, the Hon Mrs Michael Stevenson, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the President of the Family Division, Mrs Juliet Johnson, the Vice-Chancellor of the Chancery Division and Lady Scott, the Chief of the Air Staff, General Sir Peter and Lady de la Billière, Major Sir Shane and Lady Blewitt, Sir Kenneth and Lady Scott, Sir Rodney Sweetnam, Mrs Edwina Coven, Sir Archie and Lady Lamb, Sir Charles Whishaw, Sir John and Lady Moberley, Sir Christopher and Lady Benson, Sir Denis and Lady Walters, Sir Michael and Lady Craig-Cooper, Sir Alan and Lady Cockshaw, Sir Desmond and Lady Pitcher, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, individual guests and representatives from organisations having commercial and cultural connections with Kuwait, representatives from HM Forces and the Civil Service, representatives from City institutions, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists
The Duke of York, as Patron, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists held last night at the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, when an Honorary Fellowship was conferred on him. Professor Andrew Elkington, president, was in the chair. Other guests included:
The Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands and Mrs Taylor, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, Professor Sir Leslie and Lady Turnberg and Professor Sohan Singh Hayreh.

HM High Commissioner
Lady Fraser, Her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Sir William Fraser, gave a dinner last night at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
Captain Geoffrey Fowkes, Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators, presided at the annual livery dinner held last night at Vintners' Hall.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.P. Barnard and Lady Emma Guinness
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Barnard, and Emma, elder daughter of the late Earl of Iveagh and of the Countess of Iveagh.

Mr A.D. Bramley and Miss L.H.J. Hale
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Bramley, of Matlock, Derbyshire, and Lucy, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Dick Hale, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr T.P.J. Carr and Señorita M.J. Martin Magadan
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr Peter Carr, of Belgravia, London, and the late Mrs Susan Carr, and Maria Jesus, daughter of Don Angel Martin Morales and Doña Maria Jesus Magadan Mier, of Alpedrete, Madrid, Spain.

Mr R.M.F. Chatterton Dickson and Ms T.B. Albor
The engagement is announced between Robert, eldest son of Captain and Mrs William Chatterton Dickson, of Dormer House, Tisbury, Wiltshire, and Teresa, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Leo Bargielski, of Watertown, Wisconsin, USA.

Mr G.B. Griffiths and Miss C.B. de Ujfalussy
The engagement is announced between Gareth, son of Mr and Mrs Teifion Griffiths, of Cardiff, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Istvan de Ujfalussy, of Shiplake, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr A.J.C.H. Hanson and Miss L. Davidson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of the late Mr John Hanson and of Mrs Nansi Hanson, of London, and Louise, younger daughter of Lord and Lady Davidson, of Edinburgh.

Mr P.A. Chapple and Miss L.J. Abrams
The engagement was announced in London on May 1, 1995, between Paul, son of Mrs Sylvia Chappel, and Lisa, daughter of Mrs Judy MacKilligin.

Mr K.C.S. McLelland and Miss S.M. Campbell
The engagement is announced between Kenneth, only son of Mr Carrick McLelland and the late Mrs Elspeth McLelland, of Wester Housebyres, Roxburghshire, and Shena, second daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Robert Campbell, of Altries, Kincardineshire.

Mr J.R. Spiro and Miss S.E. Slennett
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Spiro, of Toot Hill, Essex, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Chris Slennett, of Ongar, Essex.

Dr S.J.D. Tait and Miss F.C. Gray
The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mrs G.M. Tait and the late Mr D.N. Tait, of Exmouth, Devon, and Francesca, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.G. Gray, of Dulwich, London.

Marriage

Mr S.Z.H. Bokhari and Miss S.F.E. Aitken
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 20, at St Minver, North Cornwall, between Mr Zahir Bokhari and Miss Sarah Aitken. The Rev Peter Frowley officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr Stuart Aitken, was attended by Miss Georgiana Aitken, Sarah Norfolk and Harriet Gallon. Mr Philip Southwell was best man.

A reception was held at Trefelix and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Luncheons

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host yesterday at a luncheon held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Emir of Kuwait. The other guests were:
Mr Abdulrahman Al-Atiqi, Mr Mohamed Al-Rifae, Mr Mohamed Al-Aradhi, Mr Ibrahim Al-Shatti, the Ambassador of Kuwait, Mr Bader Mishari Al-Humaidhi, Mr Abdulrazzak Al-Mishari, Mr Abdulaziz Al-Abdulrazzaq, Colonel Abdulhadi Al-Rajihi, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Mr Roger Freeman, MP, the Earl of Gowrie, Viscount Weir, Viscount Boyne, Baroness Perry, Mr Tom King, CH, MP, Mr David Mellor, QC, MP, Sir Nicholas Bonson, MP, Lady Olga Maitland, MP, Sir Richard Lloyd, Sir James Craig, Sir Peter Gregson, Sir Alan Urwick, Sir Charles Powell, Sir Paul Newall, Sir Ian Wood, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Dr John Reid, MP, Mr David Young, MP, Mr Charles Davies, Mr Graham Hearne, Mr Richard Evans, Mr Alex Roberts, Mr Nick Salmon, Mr Tony Palmer, Mr Martin Jay, Mr Tony Lewis, Mr Brian Hibbert, Mr Hugh Norton, Mr Derek Davies, Mr John Hill, Mr Brian Staple, Mr Bitu Bhalla, Mr Alastair de Saumerez Dacre Lacey, Dr Geoffrey King, Dr Charles Tripp, Mr John Keane, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, General Sir Charles Guthrie, Air Chief Marshal Sir Bill Wratten, General Sir Michael Wilkes, Major-General Tim Sullivan, Mr Edmund Marsden, Mr Charles Masefield, Mr Andrew Green, Mr William Fullerton, Major James Patrick, Mr Roderic Lyne and Mr Edward Oakden.

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the Austrian Federal Minister for Defence.

Carlton Club
Mr Jonathan Aitken, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Carlton Club Political Committee held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman, presided. Mr Howard Flight also spoke.

Pipeline Industries Guild
Baroness Platt of Writtle, President of the Pipeline Industries Guild, was the host at the annual luncheon held yesterday at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel. Mr R.H. Moulson, Managing Director of British Gas TransCo, was the principal guest and speaker.

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By the grace of God we are disciplined to renounce godless ways and worldly desires, and to live a life of temperance, honesty and godliness in the present age. Titus 2 : 12 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLAN - On May 19th, to Elisabeth (née Sundby) and Jonathan, a daughter, Hannah Josephine.

BAATZ - On 1st May, to Yvonne (née Watson) and Nicholas, a son, Patrick Edward, a brother for Alice.

CLOAKE - On 22nd May, to John and Mary, a daughter, Henrietta Sarah, a sister for Eleanor.

COLSTON - On May 12th, to Catherine (née Webber) and Alistair, a son, Huw William Laurens (William), a brother for Edward.

GOSDEN - On 18th April, to John Gosden and Rachel Hood, a son (Thaddeus John Montague), a brother for Sebastian, Serena and Theodora.

HOOD - See Gosden.

MURPHY - On 21st May, to Sarah (née Armstrong) and Anthony, a son, William Benedict, a brother for Molly.

PECKHAM - On May 23rd, to Daniel and Fiona (née Henshilwood), a son, William Michael.

SHERLOCK - On 16th May at Hope Hospital, Manchester, to Pam (née Giles) and David, a son, Thomas (Tom) James Giles, a brother for Sarah Jayne.

WARDEN - On May 14th, to Ashley and Libby (née Geddes), a daughter, India, sister to Maximilian and Hunter.

MARRIAGES

SMITH:WHITBY - The Marriage took place on Saturday May 20th, at St Botolph's Church, Hardham, West Sussex, between Mr Christopher J.S. Smith and Miss Suzanne G. Whitby.

DEATHS

BAUDRAND - Christine Ann, much loved wife of Jean, mother of Sophie and Catherine. Daughter of the late Sir Nicholas Sekers and Lady Sekers, sister of David and Alan. Died peacefully on May 24th 1995 of cancer which she fought with courage and dignity. A private family service will be held on Saturday May 27th. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington W8. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date to which all those who loved her will be welcome.

BROG - Eve, died May 17th 1995. Remembered with much love. A remarkable, exciting and courageous lady whose warmth and caring touched all who knew her. Our hearts are filled with loving memories and great sadness. Daughter Suze, son-in-law Roderick, grandchildren Edward and Thomas, mother Rose, sister Gloria and family.

BURROWS - On 19th May, suddenly but peacefully at home, Julie aged 72 years, widow of Michael, very dear mother of David; Dinah and Johnny, mother-in-law of Anne and Patrick, grandmother of James, Tom, Nicholas and Edward. Funeral to take place on Tuesday 30th May at St Peter's Church, Frimley at 11.30 am. All enquiries to Ford Mears & Partners, Frimley, tel: (01276) 26565.

CARTER - C.T.S. (Tom) Carter died peacefully on 24th May. Funeral at Easthampstead Crematorium Bracknell on 1st June 11 am. Family flowers only please (to Walker, 36 Eldon Road, Reading). Tom wanted any donations to go to R.N.L.I.

DUNN - Ernest Richard on May 19th 1995, peacefully at home, aged 89 years. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy and much loved father of Tony. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Old Town, Bexhill-on-Sea, at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 31st May, followed by cremation at Eastbourne Crematorium. The casket of ashes will be placed next to his dear wife in the City of London Cemetery.

EADIE - On 23rd May, shortly before his 86th birthday, John, dearly loved husband of Ellice.

FIELD - On May 8th peacefully at Bromson Hill Nursing Home, Dr. Alice Barbara aged 93. She will be fondly remembered by all relatives and by many in Stratford-upon-Avon where she lived and worked for many years. Funeral Service at Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, nr. Leamington Spa, on Thursday June 1st at 3 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to the League of Friends of Warwick Hospital c/o A.E. Bennett & Sons, 34 Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 6EE.

GOUGH - On May 23rd 1995, at home, Aileen aged 94 years, widow of Arkyl Staveley Gough O.B.E., F.R.C.S., beloved mother of Pat and Helen and a much loved mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at West Herts Crematorium on May 31st at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired made payable to St John's Ambulance/Watford and Bushey Division c/o Ballard and Marchant Ltd., Funeral Directors, 11 King Street, Watford, WD1 8BT, tel: (01923) 223121.

GUNN - Winifred, died on 23rd May 1995, for 57 years the dearly loved and loving wife of David Gunn. Funeral Service at 10.15 am on Friday June 2nd at St Anne's, Kew Green, followed by committal at Mortlake Crematorium.

HARVEY - On May 23rd, suddenly, Dr. Harold, late of Belfast, dearly loved and devoted husband of Joy. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset, on Tuesday May 30th at 2.30 pm followed by interment in the Churchyard. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, tel: (01202) 673164.

HAYES - Peacefully on Tuesday 23rd May, Forbes, beloved husband of Jean, father of Caroline and John, father-in-law of John and Nicola, much loved grandpa of Katherine, Annabelle, Charles, James, Hugh, Matthew and Benjamin. Funeral Service, Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge, Tuesday 30th May at 12.30pm. Flowers may be sent to James Summers & Son, Roath Court Funeral Home, Newport Road, Cardiff.

HILL - On 22nd May 1995, peacefully at Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, in his 79th year, Francis Joseph Samuel Hill, of Palmeira Avenue, Hove, retired schoolmaster, formerly of London and Dublin, a much loved uncle and great-uncle. Requiem Mass Friday 26th May at 10 am at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Norton Road, Hove followed by cremation.

HOOPER - On 23rd May at her home in Praia da Luz, Portugal, Alison (née Blair) aged 89. Tel: (01323) 871154.

HOWARD TRIPP - Suddenly on 16th May, Marguerite of Findon, Sussex, sister of Rosemary and the late Donald. The funeral service has taken place. All enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex, tel: (01903) 234816.

JOHNSTON - On 24th May 1995 in a nursing home, following a stroke, Gertrude Geraldine (née Templer) of Shaftesbury, aged 88. Beloved wife of the late Brigadier Allen Johnston OBE: adored mother, Grandma and Great-Grandma. Funeral private. A Service of Thanksgiving for her wonderful life will be held at 3 pm on Tuesday 20th June at St Mary's, Compton Abbas.

LUKIC - Dragan beloved of Karole, and Maria: mother of his children Dragana, Danica, Dusko, brother to Jele, and Misa and adored grandpa. After a short illness on May 22nd 1995 peacefully at home with his family. Funeral Service St George's Church, Heaviley, Stockport, Cheshire, Tuesday May 30th at 12 noon, followed by interment at Stockport Borough Cemetery. Flowers or donations to St Anne's Hospice. Enquiries and donations to George Meredith Ltd., tel: (0161) 480-2068.

LYE - Alice (née Murgatroyd), widow of Ernest Lye, aged 98, peacefully in her sleep on May 20th in Cape Town.

MILLER - On 18th May 1995, peacefully at home, Ralph Leon, of Reigate, Surrey. Loved by all his family and friends. Funeral Service on Friday 26th May 2 pm at The Chapel, Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

MONT - On May 19th 1995, at Western Isles Hospital, Stornoway, Neville, beloved husband of Joan Mary, father of Sarah, Vanessa, Fiona. Service at St Annes Church, Lewes, on Tuesday 30th May at 11 am followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation c/o Hanningtons F/D, 4-6 Montefiore Road, Hove. tel: (01273) 778733.

MURGATROYD - Peacefully in her sleep on 24th May at Mount Alvernia, Guildford, Angela, dearly beloved wife of Brian, mother of Sue, Nick, Jane and Andrew, mother-in-law of Colin, Margie, Jeremy and Jacky and grandmother to their ten children. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Rudgwick, Tuesday 30th May at 11 am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Dr. Topham's Cancer Research Fund, c/o Freeman Bros., 9 North Parade, Horsham RH12 2BP.

SANDARS - On 22nd May, Vera Margaret Sandars (née Molyneux Seel), widow of G.E.R. (Ted) Sandars, late Governor of the Blue Nile Province, Sudan, much loved aunt and friend to many, at the Hampshire Clinic aged 92. Funeral at Holy Trinity R.C. Church, Church Crookham, Fleet at 11 am on Friday 2nd June. Family flowers only. Donations please to the Sudan Church Association c/o H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7TP.

SARRA - On May 23rd in the Kent and Sussex Hospital, Edward David, much loved husband of Pam and father of Nicholas and Julia and stepfather to Deedee, Jim and Dan. Funeral Service at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday 31st May at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The British Red Cross Society c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD.

SKELTON - On May 20th 1995, suddenly, Ethel, of Storrington. Widow of Harold. Funeral Service at Trinity Methodist Church, Storrington, on Wednesday May 31st at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Donations, if wished, for Barnardo's c/o Thorne-Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR, tel: (01420) 488896.

TWINE - Denis William (Michael), on 24th May, Brother of the Community of the Resurrection, in the 76th year of his age, and the 33rd year of his profession. R.I.P. Solemn requiem at the House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, on May 31st at 11.30 am followed by private cremation.

WALDEGRAVE - On May 23rd 1995, at home, Geoffrey Noel, 12th Earl Waldegrave aged 89. Funeral at Chewton Mendip on June 1st at 2.30. Memorial Service to be announced.

WALLACE-ZEUNER - On 6th May 1995, peacefully, Portia, Member of Grays Inn, Fellow of the Royal Anthropological Society, Past Member of the Prehistoric Society. Enquiries to Levertons, 212 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1BD.

WALMSLEY - Suddenly in Brussels on May 17th 1995 following a brain haemorrhage; Christopher Roberts Walmsley; beloved husband of Joan, father of Frances, Jennie and Alexis, stepfather of Sarah and grandfather of Iman and Nadira. Christopher was a Radio Broadcaster with the B.B.C. for 23 years. A Campaigner for the Liberal Democrats and currently prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Congleton. Interment will take place at Carleton Cemetery, Blackpool, on Tuesday May 30th at 11 am. All friends and colleagues welcome. Floral tributes or donations to Amnesty International and all enquiries to Dewhurst McKenna Funeral Services, 10 Newton Drive, Blackpool, tel: (01253) 301237.

WEBBER - On 23rd May, suddenly but peacefully, Sheila Lindsay, formerly of Ceylon and Cambridge Street, dearly loved wife of the late Roy and much loved mother of Carolyn, mother-in-law of Michael and grandmother of James and Louisa. Cremation 11.30 am 30th May at Torquay Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth.

WILSON - On May 23rd 1995, Olive, aged 78, sister of Eric and Teddy, much loved aunt, great-aunt and friend, who met life with energy and ill health with great courage. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Mansergh, near Kirkby Lonsdale, on Tuesday 30th May at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations, if wished, to St Peter's Church c/o R.J. Lowery, Funeral Director, Back Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale.

WILSON - On May 23rd 1995, suddenly at home in Torquay, Col. Robert Wilson L/R.A.M.C., F.F.A.R.C.S. Husband of Jean and father of Debbie, Judy and Annie. Funeral Service at Torquay Crematorium on Tuesday May 30th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Enquiries to Torbay & District Funeral Service tel: (01803) 318006.

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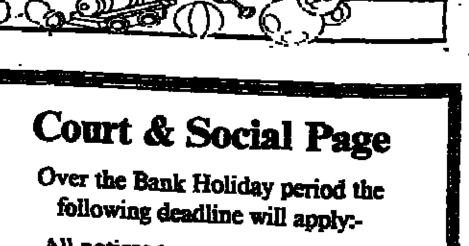
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LORD WILSON OF RIEVAULX

Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, KG, OBE, PC, FRS, who served as Prime Minister, 1964-70 and 1974-76, died yesterday aged 79. He was born on March 11, 1916.

Harold Wilson always liked to remind people, and be reminded, that he had been Prime Minister of the United Kingdom more times — four times — than anyone since Gladstone. He dominated British politics between 1963, when he became Leader of the Opposition, and 1976, when in a stunning *coup de théâtre* he announced his resignation from No 10. But his overall achievement was much harder to pin down. He may have stripped his party of an outdated ideology but he put nothing in its place, leaving to his immediate successors a bankrupt political estate.

He once said that "a week is a long time in politics", a saying that was to be turned against him when his voluminous published accounts of his various administrations proved to be not reflections on policy, still less a measured assessment of national or party objectives, but rather a remorselessly detailed celebration of his own skill in dealing with day-to-day crises and jealous threats to his leadership — sometimes real, often imagined.

Yet he succeeded brilliantly in his 20 months as Leader of the Opposition and during his first administration, 1964-66, in establishing the Labour Party as a plausible alternative to the Conservatives. He stole many old Tory clothes, including patriotism, for Labour's use. Eventually, however, keeping his party in office had too transparently become an end in itself. Few of the great economic or industrial policies promised in Labour's manifestos came anywhere near fulfilment. Perhaps his most enduring and characteristic achievement — since he remained a bit of a don *manqué* (his last ambition, in which he was disappointed, was to become Master of University College, Oxford) — was the founding of the Open University.

In office he became more and more given to nautical or military metaphors, talking often of "being blown off course" or of how narrow were "the limits of manoeuvre". This was a tendency that developed early. In his *Diaries* Richard Crossman recalls his leader as remarking — in a conscious echo of the Duke of Wellington's Peninsular Campaign — that he was about to "retreat to my lines at Torres Vedras" within a month of becoming Prime Minister.

He read military and political biographies but had few, if any, other intellectual or cultural interests — except for a love of Gilbert and Sullivan. Politics was his only passion. He married a quiet, private and retiring person at a time when his own ambitions, and Mary Wilson's hopes for him, were both set on academic life. She was loyal to him, but found the exposure of public life hard to endure, especially when her modest but genuine talent as a popular poet was noticed and mocked because of his fame. A remarkable incident took place when, after Wilson's resignation, James Callaghan paid a tribute to his predecessor at his first conference as party leader. There was utter silence. But loud applause followed when he offered a conventional compliment to Mary Wilson.

James Harold Wilson was born in Milnsbridge, near Huddersfield, the only son and second child of Herbert and Ethel Wilson. His father was an industrial chemist and he was brought up in a comfortable section of the lower middle class. He did not take long to show signs of political precocity. When his parents visited him in hospital, where he had just undergone an appendicitis operation at the age of seven, he promptly urged them not to linger lest they miss the chance of voting for Philip Snowden in the 1923 general election; and there was also the much-reproduced photograph of him as an eight-year-old standing outside No 10 on a visit to London. He came from a chapel-going, Congregational home and soon acquired a keen interest in Scouting, becoming a King's Scout — something which, no doubt, motivated him as a prefect to put down "an outbreak of smuttiness" at his school by instituting compulsory lunchtime games.

But, as his teachers spotted, he was predominantly academic-minded. From the Wirral Grammar School — where he went from Royds Hall School, Huddersfield, after his family's move from Yorkshire to Cheshire — he won an exhibition in history to Jesus College, Oxford. Once there, he read PPE and in 1937 got the best first in the subject that year, also winning the Gladstone Memorial Prize and the Webb Medley Scholarship. He was awarded a lectureship at New College and, a year later, a research fellowship at University College, where before the war he began to work under the supervision of the Master, Sir William Beveridge, on the problems of unemployment.

On the outbreak of war, he did not volunteer for the Forces — something the Tories were to make something of in later years — but instead joined the Civil Service, where he rose quickly. This was partly thanks to his own characteristic energy, assiduity and efficiency but also owed something to patronage from Beveridge — about which he was engagingly candid. In 1943 he became director of economics and statistics at the Ministry of Fuel and Power and secretary of the British side of the important Combined Production Resources Board and the Combined Raw Materials Board. No Prime Minister has ever had such a thorough knowledge of the working of "the machine".

His great abilities had been noticed by several Labour ministers in the wartime coalition and he received a number of approaches to stand for Parliament, finally settling on the then marginal Lancashire seat of Ormskirk. He was elected in 1945 and Clement Attlee at once appointed him Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Works. Early in 1947 he was promoted to be Secretary for Overseas Trade at the Board of Trade. He led a trade mission to the Soviet Union which, though unsuccesssful, revealed his self-confidence and toughness as a negotiator. When in September 1947 Sir Stafford Cripps became Minister for Economic Affairs, Wilson succeeded him as President of the Board of Trade, entering the Cabinet at the remarkably early age of 31.

Yet Wilson had no real standing at this time within his party. His speeches were thoroughly researched but drily delivered, with no emotion and few debating skills. So some surprise was caused when he resigned from the Cabinet with Aneurin Bevan in April 1951 over priorities for expenditure, reflected in Bevan's case by his protest against the introduction of prescription charges into the National Health Service (Wilson himself gave much greater emphasis to the defence budget). Some thought he was a raw young man swept away by the power of Bevan's personality. Others, for tempers were high, denounced him as a rat deserting a sinking ship. He claimed merely that Hugh Gaitskell's proposed cuts as Chancellor in the social services, to pay for the rearmament programme, were damaging both to the poor and to the Labour Party's electoral prospects.

In 1952 he attained his reward by being elected at the party conference to the constituency section of the National Executive. But he was never of the doctrinaire or ideological Left. In 1954 Bevan suddenly resigned from the Shadow Cabinet, alleging that party policy over South-East Asia was too pro-American. Wilson was next-in-line for his seat, having been the runner-up in the PLP elections the previous year. He allowed himself to be co-opted, causing great fury to Bevan but retaining the support of some on the Left such as Crossman. With so many older men exhausted or retiring, Wilson, along with Gaitskell, had suddely become a major figure within the party.

He saw himself as a conciliator, with better political antennae than Gaitskell, always trying to find the point of balance in the party. At this time he also broadened his knowledge and influence in the Labour movement by accepting nearly every invitation to address constituency or trade union meetings. Nor did he neglect contacts with industry and the universities. The intelligent, friendly but enigmatic face behind the pipe became familiar. His personal closeness to talented publicists, such as Crossman and Barbara Castle (who had been his PPS), his talks around the country and, once Gaitskell had become leader, his constant exposure as Shadow Chancellor — all improved his debating style. He worked on it methodically, equipping himself with "impromptu repartee" and set jokes, which the Commons began to enjoy, and his stature started to grow.

But soon there came a hiccup. After Labour's defeat in the 1959 general election, Gaitskell — like Tony Blair 35 years later — sought to modernise his party by abolishing the notorious Clause Four of its constitution (which appeared to commit it to public ownership of nearly everything) and to assert his leadership by fighting back against the unilateralist resolutions passed at the 1960 party conference. Wilson disagreed with, and distrusted, both the nationalisers and the disarmers. Yet he felt that Gaitskell should not have forced a showdown. The Left was strong in the constituency parties and was determined that Gaitskell should be challenged. After Bevan's death in July 1960 they regarded Wilson as their candidate and, with some reluctance, he ran for the leadership in November 1960, being defeated by 164 votes to 81 in the Parliamentary Labour Party.

The episode earned him many enemies. But his attacks on Tory ministers — particularly on Lord Home — once he became Shadow Foreign Secretary in 1961 earned him a growing, if grudging, respect. So, on Gaitskell's sudden death in January 1963, he was the most generally acceptable leader, defeating George Brown (who had handily beaten him three months earlier for the deputy leadership) by 144 votes to 103. Again, there was some luck involved. The party had not shifted suddenly to the Left. The volatile Brown, with his love of drink, scenes and quarrels, was simply regarded as too high a risk.

At the general election of October 1964 Wilson took personal command, making all the major decisions, holding all the press conferences, dominating Labour's campaign. The voters were encouraged to focus on Wilson, the "new man", as against Home, the symbol of a tired and effete Britain. Even so, Labour won an overall majority of only four seats.

Once he got to No 10, some of his own closest economic advisers urged immediate devaluation upon him. But Wilson — fearing the political consequences — stood out firmly against it. He sought salvation instead through domestic institutional changes. A Department of Economic Affairs was set up under George Brown, who persuaded both the CBI and the TUC to agree that prices and incomes should not rise faster than productivity, and that claims for increases should be put before a new Prices and Incomes Board. What some had long been calling "corporatism" had been given institutional recognition.

In the spring of 1966, Wilson called the expected general election. His timing was excellent. A majority of 97 was secured and, again, he ran and dominated the whole campaign. The word went out that all issues were to be played down but one: himself or the new Tory leader, Edward Heath. With what Jews call *chutzpah*, he campaigned on his record, after 18 months, and pictured Labour as the new natural party of government. He radiated to the public an impression both of competent power and of humane concern. Even those who were a little sceptical admired his political adroitness.

Winning so decisively brought all the underlying economic problems home to roost. The targets of the much-vaunted National Plan had become a joke, for the balance of payments was massively adverse, wages and prices were rising and production stagnant. The Cabinet was deeply divided about the merits of devaluation. Roy Jenkins, Anthony Crosland and George Brown led the devaluers and briefly (in July 1966) converted the Chancellor, James Callaghan, but Wilson swiftly reconverted him, believing deeply that it could only be to Labour's discredit and that bright skies were around the corner.

When the inevitable cuts in public expenditure were announced, George Brown resigned from the DEA but accepted the Foreign Office. The voluntary prices and incomes restraint became statutory and, to their astonishment and anger, the middle classes found their salaries frozen. Wilson proved unexpectedly tough in his defence of what soon turned out to be an undefendable position. No amount of austerity could stop Britain's reserves being eaten up in support of an historic rather than a realistic pound-dollar ratio. When 26 Labour MPs abstained in a crucial division, he first made his famous remark about "being blown off course". At last, in November 1967, a run on the pound forced him into a drastic 14.3 per cent devaluation, after seeing most of the Bank of England's reserves wiped out in a hopeless, stubborn defence.

His reputation went into a tailspin, for his personal responsibility was obvious. His relationship with the press had been excellent in his first Government. But from 1966 onwards it had turned sour on both sides. Many journalists had gone overboard for him in 1964 and now tried to make up for it. He felt betrayed, and mutual dislike and distrust grew rapidly.

The old Central Africa, now the Rhodesia, problem had been a constant thorn in the flesh to British governments. Wilson set out to solve it. He had a dramatic meeting with Ian Smith in December, 1966, at sea on *HMS Tiger*. But when Smith returned to Salisbury, he abandoned the agreement completely. Wilson had made the uncharacteristic mistake of announcing in advance that he would not use force against UDI (the unilateral declaration of independence). He later claimed that he was advised in the first days of UDI that military intervention was impossible. But retired defence chiefs and civil servants were to deny angrily that such advice had been either asked for or given.

He was bolder in grasping the nettle of Europe, over which, with the 1966 election safely won, he decided to make a new application for membership despite strong opposition, and not only from the Left of the party. In the spring of 1967 he and Brown toured the capitals of "the Six". The move was concerted with Ireland, Norway and Denmark. No fewer than 62 Labour MPs voted against the bid. But it was all for nothing. General de Gaulle delivered the final French veto in November 1967.

With that ball on the ground, Wilson badly needed to throw a new one up in the air. He had gradually become convinced of the need, both for the sake of the economy and for the popularity of his Government, to bring in a reform of industrial relations, for stronger laws to regulate trade union organisation, especially on how strikes were called. In the spring of 1968 Barbara Castle had become First Secretary of State in charge of the freshly created Department of Employment and Productivity. She was already thinking on the same lines.

In January 1969 a new policy was set out in a White Paper, *In Place of Strife*. Opinion polls showed its popularity in the country but it was bitterly opposed by the trade unions and most of the activists in the Labour Party. Again, as with the prices and incomes policy (which had simply proved unworkable), there had been no real preparation. Wilson seemed to place his trust in his own hold on the party machine, the authority of his office and in Barbara Castle's great popularity with the Left. But more than sixty Labour MPs voted against the White Paper and the Chief Whip, Robert Mellish, and the chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, Douglas Houghton, had to tell the Prime Minister that it was unlikely that a Bill would find a majority. In the worst climbdown of his career he was forced by his own Cabinet — whom he characteritically accused of "turning yellow" — to announce the withdrawal of the Bill. The TUC patched up appearances by offering "a solemn and binding undertaking" — an expression of its own willingness in future to take action against unofficial strikes.

Paradoxically, Wilson's own standing in the opinion polls was temporarily enhanced. Perhaps the public thought that the Conservatives should have supported him, not quibbled. Certainly, the balance of payments had improved after devaluation, so a relatively neutral Budget from Roy Jenkins in 1970 offered £200 million of tax relief especially to the lower paid. Wilson was certainly confident when he went to the country in June 1970. This time, the campaign was positively monarchical in tone. The public, however, had had enough. A 4.7 per cent national swing gave Edward Heath an overall majority of 30.

For the first year of Opposition, Wilson neglected the Commons to an extraordinary extent. Like Winston Churchill before him, he devoted himself almost entirely to his memoirs, publishing in 1971 *The Labour Government, 1964-70*, a massive work which was remarkable for its complete lack both of any radical thrust and of any analysis of basic national problems. The book did not enthuse his party nor impress his critics. It did, however, make him a lot of money from a *Sunday Times* serialisation — which was just as well since in those days a Leader of the Opposition was expected to run his office on a shoe-string.

The campaign against Heath's Industrial Relations Act gave Wilson the chance to mend his fences with the Left of the party, which now included some of the leaders of the largest unions. But grass-roots opposition to Heath's abortive attempts to apply market principles to the welfare state brought into an ageing party structure many of the student Marxists or "New Left", who had become disillusioned with the Soviet Union itself after 1956. Typically, Wilson at first took a conciliatory rather than a combative tone towards them, though privately he groaned at this new cross he had to bear. This may partly explain his most spectacular "U-turn". Europe had always been unpopular with the Left of the party. After de Gaulle's death, Heath made a direct approach to President Pompidou. Britain's entry to the Community was assured. At first, Wilson had reserved his position but at a special conference of the Labour Party in July 1971 he announced that the terms were not acceptable, although in fact they were very much those he had been prepared to contemplate in his own wooing of Europe in 1967. This *bouleversement* severely damaged his own reputation, though his supporters were later to argue that he deliberately sacrificed it in order to preserve the unity of the party.

When Heath, incensed by the celebrated confrontation with the miners, went to the country in February 1974 the two parties emerged almost equal — with just four seats between them — and with 14 Liberals, ten Ulster Unionists, and nine Scottish and Welsh Nationalists holding the balance of power. Heath was unable to come to terms with the Liberals and, after three days' delay, resigned. During the election campaign, Wilson had often appeared tired, edgy and dispirited. But delivered, as he had been, from an enforced retirement, all his old energy and political skill initially came back.

He promised the unions repeal of the hated Conservative Industrial Relations Act and appointed Michael Foot, the darling of the old Left, to be Secretary of State for Employment. Denis Healey as Chancellor promised higher pensions and higher taxes on the rich. James Callaghan, as Foreign Secretary, was sent around Europe to demand renegotiation in the loudest and most truculent manner possible. But, despite the much-promoted "social contract" with the unions, wages continued to rise and the overseas spending account was in record deficit. Luckily, in the late summer, prices were still just behind wages. So Wilson boldly called a second general election for October 1974. The gamble did not work nearly as well as in 1966: this time Labour emerged with an overall majority, not of 97, but of just three.

Yet the parliamentary margin looked more precarious than it actually was. The narrowness of the majority gave Wilson a strong hold on his party. The Scottish Nationalists, who now had 11 MPs elected to the Commons, were kept in check by a Royal Commission on the Constitution to consider "devolution" — a term he used to obscure any clear distinction between local government and federalism. But Wilson himself was tired and in his fourth administration he came more and more to rely on a "kitchen cabinet" (which tended to vary as individuals went in and out of favour) and on his long-suffering Downing Street private office.

His devoted political secretary Marcia Williams (who served him from 1956 onwards and whom in 1974 he created a life peer as Lady Falkender) was widely felt to exercise too much influence. But she was an able and strong-minded woman whose political astuteness he rightly admired. He could also be a man of great personal consideration and kindness. When, in 1968, Marcia Williams found herself pregnant with the first of her two sons by the political correspondent Walter Terry, it was Wilson who advised her against having an abortion — despite the inevitable risk of rumour and scandal to his own reputation. Deliberately posing as tough-minded in public, he was seldom anything but soft-hearted in private.

In his fourth administration he left more and more decisions to senior colleagues. But he kept the European question in his own hands. The renegotiations, not unexpectedly, yielded few concessions. Wilson was thus on the horns of a dilemma: the party was overwhelmingly against staying in, industrial and financial opinion (and the entire Civil Service machine) were not merely for staying but for playing a positive role, and the Cabinet was divided. Although by 16 to seven they favoured remaining inside the Community, resignations were threatened from both camps. So Wilson, in putting the matter to the British people in a referendum, decided to waive the convention of collective responsibility. Cabinet members could, and did, campaign on rival sides. He got off the hook when the public in June 1975 voted by 67 to 33 per cent for the new terms.

With this humiliating defeat of the Left in the European referendum, Wilson felt able to move back towards the old panacea of an incomes policy. A joint statement with the TUC was made in July 1975. Compulsion had been dropped by the Cabinet and Foot secured the formidable backing of Jack Jones, the leader of the TGWU.

But in the autumn industrial strategy shifted towards greater support for the private sector and a major economic review heralded a sharp cutback in the growth of public expenditure. All this led to much protest on the back benches of the PLP and early in March 1976 there was a government defeat, thanks to the abstention of 37 left-wing MPs. Wilson denounced them with unusual bluntness and bitterness, though he did not make the mistake of referring (as he had in his 1966-70 Government) to Labour MPs as having "dog licences". Nevertheless, his spell over his party was largely broken. He celebrated his 60th birthday and then took the political world utterly by surprise by announcing his resignation as Prime Minister on March 16, 1976.

There was wild press speculation about "real" and "hidden" reasons. But the reasons, for once, were almost certainly those he himself gave: his age, his length of service, his desire for some private life and his reluctance to imperil his record of victories by leading the party into another election. (His claim that he had fulfilled his programme was more questionable.)

He accepted the Garter and awarded 42 honours to members of his entourage or friends (the latter overwhelmingly in showbusiness or financial undertakings) and retired to the back benches. Five years later none of the peers announced in the notorious "lavender" Honours List still took the Labour whip. Though nominally impartial, such influence as he retained went towards the election of James Callaghan as his successor.

Several "now-it-can-be-told" books followed from his old staff at No 10, and there were some angry recriminations. But he would not be drawn into any of this. His silence on party issues was almost total. Old colleagues were first impressed by his tact and then depressed to realise that he had lost interest in national affairs and even in the Labour Party itself. Private life was authorship and, before Alzheimer's disease took a cruel toll on his memory, a childlike pleasure in accepting invitations to preside at public occasions, especially educational ones. Delighted school heads in Yorkshire and elsewhere discovered, while they still believed in giving prizes, that he gladly handed them out and delivered a long speech into the bargain.

He wrote, with some assistance, a surprisingly conventional book on *The Governance of Britain* (1976), an unsatisfactory effort at an academic treatment rather than a realistic account of high politics. He presented a 13-part television series on former Prime Ministers, which was turned into a book, *A Prime Minister on Prime Ministers* (1977). The tone was omniscient but benign, forgiving and congratulatory all-round. A second volume of memoirs, covering his Government of 1974-76, was published in 1979. It was exactly like the first. His best book was devoted to a subject that had always been close to his heart, Israel. Published under the title *The Chariot of Israel* in 1981, it demonstrated that at that stage he still had his wits about him. His final effort at autobiography, covering his life up to the moment he became Prime Minister, came out in 1986 and was greeted with a general chorus of disbelief as to its inaccuracy.

The only public service he took on after leaving office was to chair a committee set up to review the functioning of financial institutions. It was established by Callaghan in 1977 as a rather Wilsonian device to buy time against backbench demands for investigations into City scandals and left-wing demands to nationalise the banks and insurance companies. After three years of deliberations its recommendations turned out to be minor, if not trivial.

In 1981 Wilson was the centre of attention for the last time when he said that there had been a high-level plot in 1968 and an effort at bugging in 1974 against him. Questions were asked in the House, but Margaret Thatcher declined to appoint a committee of inquiry. She was not alone in believing that all this amounted to paranoia on Wilson's part.

However, some real fire, as well as dense smoke, was revealed when Peter Wright's book, *Spycatcher*, was eventually published in 1988. He claimed that he and some rogue colleagues in MI5 had kept watch on the Prime Minister, being concerned at some of Wilson's social contacts and the frequency of his earlier visits to the Soviet Union. Nothing actually happened in either 1968 or in 1974, and the flurry of publicity did far more harm to MI5's reputation than to Wilson's.

He remained Labour MP for Huyton until 1983, when he decided not to stand again in the general election and was made a life peer. After his somewhat rambling maiden speech he took little active part in the proceedings of the Upper House, still less after 1983 in public life. An increasingly frail and forlorn figure, almost air-brushed out of the Labour Party's history, he would impinge on the public consciousness only once a year — though he did not attend last June — at the the annual Garter ceremony at Windsor.

He is survived by his wife Mary and their two sons.

Other nations may pay by cash card while on holiday, but the British are nervous of plastic

Penny-pinching, old-fashioned British stick with travellers' cheques

By Harvey Elliott

THE BRITISH on holiday are old-fashioned and cost-conscious, with little interest in the technological revolution now sweeping the travel industry, and are a dwindling influence in most of the world's resorts, according to a clutch of new market surveys.

Europay International, a Belgian-based company providing debit and credit services to European banks, says that 60 per cent of Britons abroad still use travellers' cheques and few are prepared either to use ATMs — hole-in-the-wall cash dispensers which now proliferate around the Continent — or debit cards. Only the Dutch and the Italians, with 25 per cent and 20 per cent respectively, put the use of travellers' cheques in their top three most popular payment methods when away from their home country.

The Europay survey reveals that travellers' cheques are still the first choice for the British, eurocheques for the Germans, foreign currency for the French, Spanish and Italians and ATM cash when the Dutch travel abroad.

An American Express survey revealed that the use of travellers' cheques by the British is on the increase, even though in the rest of Europe they are fast declining.

"The British traveller has yet to catch up with the rest of Europe in understanding the practical steps to fulfilling the potential of plastic on holiday," said Jim Rafferty, Europay's general manager for UK. "While they are knowledgeable about payment methods available at home, they have yet to become fully aware of the potential that their cards offer for use abroad."

Thomas Cook, which supplies almost half the travellers' cheques in Britain, said it is aware of the trend in the rest of Europe but predicted that travellers' cheques would remain the main method of payment for Britons abroad for at least another ten years.

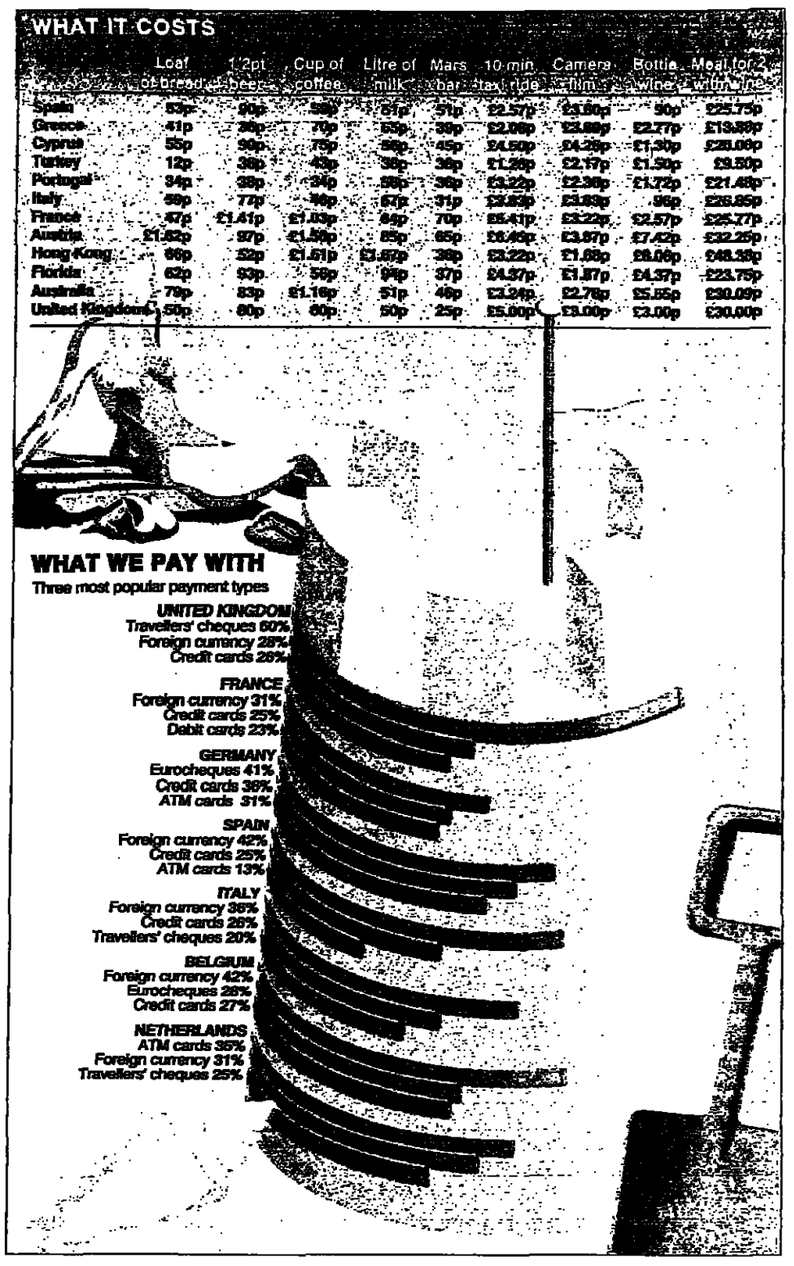
"There is still a lot of uncertainty about using plastic in a foreign country," said a spokesman. "The amount of travellers' cheques we issue has hardly varied for many years and there appears to be a need for the security they can give."

The Germans are easily Europe's most travelled nation, with 80 per cent taking one or more foreign holiday a year and influencing the way countries develop their holiday resorts. They are followed by the Dutch, with 69 per cent going abroad, and the Belgians with 53 per cent. Only 45 per cent of Britons take foreign holidays each year, says the survey.

The 10 million Britons who, nonetheless, are still expected to head overseas this summer will choose their destination largely on price and where they can best cut their costs.

According both to the travel agency chain Lunn Poly and to Thomas Cook, Turkey is the runaway success of the year with sales up 70 per cent on 1994. The exchange rates are now so much in sterling's favour that Britons in Turkey are getting an extra £145.31 worth of lira on £500 spending money compared with last year, according to Thomas Cook. The exchange rate in May last year was 46,230 lira to the pound, but has now reached 65,170. The French franc, meanwhile, has fallen from 8.33 to the pound last year to 7.70 this, and the Spanish peseta from 201 in 1994 to 189 now.

As a result, says Lunn Poly, Turkey has leapt to become the second most popular destination this summer after Majorca. So far 7 per cent of all holidays sold in Britain have been for Turkey, compared with 4 per cent last year. Majorca, which is still the most popular destination, has slipped from 14 per cent in 1994 to 12 per cent so far this year.



Ferry offers scupper summer trips

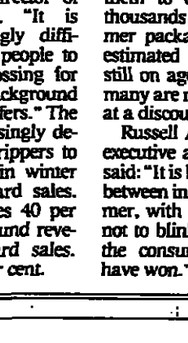
By Steve Keenan

LOW-COST shopping trips to Calais and Boulogne are becoming so commonplace that the British are balking at paying up to £300 for a summer crossing.

Widely promoted cheap "booze-cruise" fares boosted Dover-Calais crossings in the first three months of this year to record levels, despite Le Shuttle, the Channel Tunnel train, which took 20 per cent of the market from P&O, Stena Sealink and Hoverspeed.

But according to the industry analysts Stats MR, the summer market is suffering, with advance bookings for self-drive holidays to France 7 per cent down to the end of March.

"The ferries are making France a place merely to shop," said Dominique Gigante, managing director of Gites de France. "They are bringing down the image of France as an elitist destination to the point where it becomes a one-stop place for shopping. They are hoping for a surge of summer business but it isn't going to happen." Brittany Ferries estimates that half of the five million people who took return crossings from Dover to Calais last year were simply taking day-trips or one-night stays. "France won't set any records this year," said David Longden, the operations director of Brittany Ferries. "It is getting increasingly difficult to persuade people to book a ferry crossing for £300 against a background of £1, £5 or £10 offers." The ferries are increasingly dependent on day-trippers to fill empty ships in winter and boost on-board sales. Hoverspeed makes 40 per cent of its year-round revenue from on-board sales. P&O makes 25 per cent.


Calais: many get no further

The fierce price war started last year. According to Hoverspeed, a family with a car buying a return ticket from Dover to Calais last summer paid £220, compared with £290 in 1993. Le Shuttle tariffs for this year range from £214 to £308 for a standard return, comparable with the ferries. Peter Stratton, P&O passenger marketing director, admitted the market is suffering "promotion fatigue" which has made people wary of booking early for the summer, creating a late-booking market.

Deals offering up to 25 per cent off summer crossings booked in advance have run for several months. Ferry companies are also selling crossings through bucket shops at up to 50 per cent discount. P&O is running cheap crossings until the end of June. But it is hoping no offers appear from rivals for the summer. "We have to watch and sweat like the others. The worry is if the others crack," he said. The real crunch for ferries will come this summer, with Le Shuttle planning to operate every 15 minutes in the peak.

Canny holidaymakers are also outmanoeuvring Britain's travel industry by refusing to be rushed into booking early and forcing them to cut the price of thousands of unsold summer package holidays. An estimated 3.7 million are still on agents' shelves and many are now being offered at a discount.

Russell Amerasekera, an executive at Thomas Cook, said: "It is like a poker game between industry and customer, with each determined not to blink first. This year the consumer appears to have won."

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UNITED AIRLINES has lowered its transatlantic business-class fares to New York and Washington DC by 30 per cent, provided you travel between June 1 and August 31. The summertime offer means that a round-trip business-class ticket now costs £1,554, compared with £2,292 normally. Details: 0181 990 9900.

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Wher it's time to pay the hotel bill, there may be a costly little extra you weren't expecting. We ought to be told before checking in

Plus VAT . . . did we mention that?

The Brith tourism industry is fighting what it regards as an unfair imposition of VAT on hotels, restaurants and leisure attractions.

It claims that while France and Spain levy VAT on hotels at only 5.5 or 6 per cent respectively, the full 17.5 per cent rate is imposed in Britain. The Chancellor, the industry argues, should introduce a special 8 per cent rate, then fight to bring other European countries into line.

It is a strong case. But it would be stronger if British hoteliers and restaurateurs set an example and were both honest and open about their charges.

Some hotels, in their published room rates, make it clear that VAT is included; some do not. Some include VAT if the room is part of a holiday package, but not if it is booked directly. Others include VAT in one brochure, but omit it in others.

The Savoy Group admits it does not include VAT in its quoted price "because, as others don't, we would appear to be more expensive if we did and therefore be at a disadvantage".

Hoteliers marketed by Small Luxury Hotels of the World include VAT in the prices quoted in the group's directory, but many omit it from their own brochures.

"We are a marketing organisation and therefore do not tell our members what they should do or not do," said an SLH spokesman. Very commendable, perhaps. But unless someone takes the lead and begins to get all hoteliers speaking with one voice the confusion will go on.



The Travel Business

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Last weekend I stayed at the Lords of the Manor hotel in the Cotswolds. The hotel's charges — from £80 per person per night for a minimum of two nights, including dinner and breakfast — clearly include VAT. Everything above board there, but when I inquired about rates for similar hotels in other beautiful parts of the country I found that many did not mention VAT in their tariff of charges. Some argued that as American and other foreign visitors can claim back VAT, it is simpler to quote a price before the tax is added. It is, to say the least, confusing.

VAT is certainly one of the problems facing the British Tourist Authority (BTA), which is determined to halt the gradual decline in the number of British people who choose to spend their holidays here. While 86 per cent took their main holiday in Britain in 1974, this had dropped to 54 per cent 20 years later.

The BTA points to the enormous improvement there has been over those 20 years in the standards of British accommodation and catering, together with the variety of attractions to be found so much closer to home.

It is an industry worth £36 billion a year, employing more than 1.5 million people, and it clearly needs help and encouragement from the Government. But it also needs to help itself by adopting standard policies.

It's not only hoteliers who must tell guests what to expect on their final bill. If the British are to be persuaded not to go abroad, restaurants, especially, need to make it plain whether the prices on the menu include VAT, cover charge, service charge or even if vegetables are "extra".

Back to the sun

THE Inter-Continental Hotel Group is moving back into South Africa after the ending of sanctions. The move, announced by Inter-Continental's Japanese owners, the Saison Group, comes as the Rugby World Cup opens in South Africa today.

In a joint venture with Southern Sun hotels, Inter-Continental will convert three hotels in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. Nine further hotels are planned in South Africa by the end of the decade.

☐ SUNSPORT Tours, headed by Barry Dudleston, the former county cricketer and umpire, is offering packages to the England cricket tour of South Africa, which starts in November, from less than £1,000 a person. Variations can include safaris in the Kruger National Park or golf at Sun City. Details: 01604-31626.

☐ JACK Walker, the entrepreneur and chairman of triumphant Blackburn Rovers Football Club, is hoping to take his other great love — Jersey European Airways — to the top. The airline is now offering a single fare between Belfast and Stansted for £34 and a "family return" of £19 for two adults and two children.

☐ THIRTY-EIGHT distilleries will take part in the second Scotch whisky open day on Saturday. More than 25,000 people attended last year's event, which marked the 500th anniversary of recorded distilling in Scotland.

☐ AMSTERDAM's Schiphol airport is continuing to catch up with Heathrow. Passenger numbers grew by 10 per cent to more than five million in the first quarter of this year. Freight traffic rose by 13 per cent.

OFT check on 'rip-off' holiday insurance

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

TRAVEL agencies that offer cut-price package holidays linked to a particular insurance policy were bitterly attacked this week as the Office of Fair Trading announced a new investigation into the £400 million-a-year business.

The Association of Independent Tour Operators (Aito) said that the public were being "duped", and one leading insurance company described the schemes as a "rip-off".

Sir Bryan Carsberg, Director-General of the OFT, said: "Our initial work has revealed several potential problems. Many policies are sold only on a 'tied in' basis, where the consumer must buy a specified policy. Even when there is no formal tying of insurance, relatively few travel agents offer a choice of insurer."

Abta, the travel agents' trade organisation, said it would co-operate with the investigation, but urged holidaymakers to shop around if they were not happy with the offers being made.

The investigation delighted Aito, who said that new promotional discounts were ignoring the concerns of the OFT. "We hope that the OFT will act swiftly and forcefully. The public are being duped by so-called holiday discounts," Sue Ockwell, the chief executive, said. "The inquiry is particularly timely. If the OFT acts quickly it could prevent customers being forced to buy insurance at highly inflated premiums in order to enjoy the discounts being offered."

Typical of the offers now being made is that from the biggest travel agency chain, Lunn Poly. All bookings made from now to June 3 for holidays to be taken in June will be reduced by £100 — provided Lunn Poly insurance is taken out.

The company uses Bishopsgate Insurance and charges premiums of £27.95 per adult for a week on the Continent, with a 25 per cent reduction for children, or £52.95 per adult for two weeks in America.

The discounts — available on the total price of each booking however many clients are involved — would typically reduce the cost of a couple taking a seven-night holiday in Majorca from £414 to £314, or a two-week fly-drive holiday to Florida for two from £968 to £868.

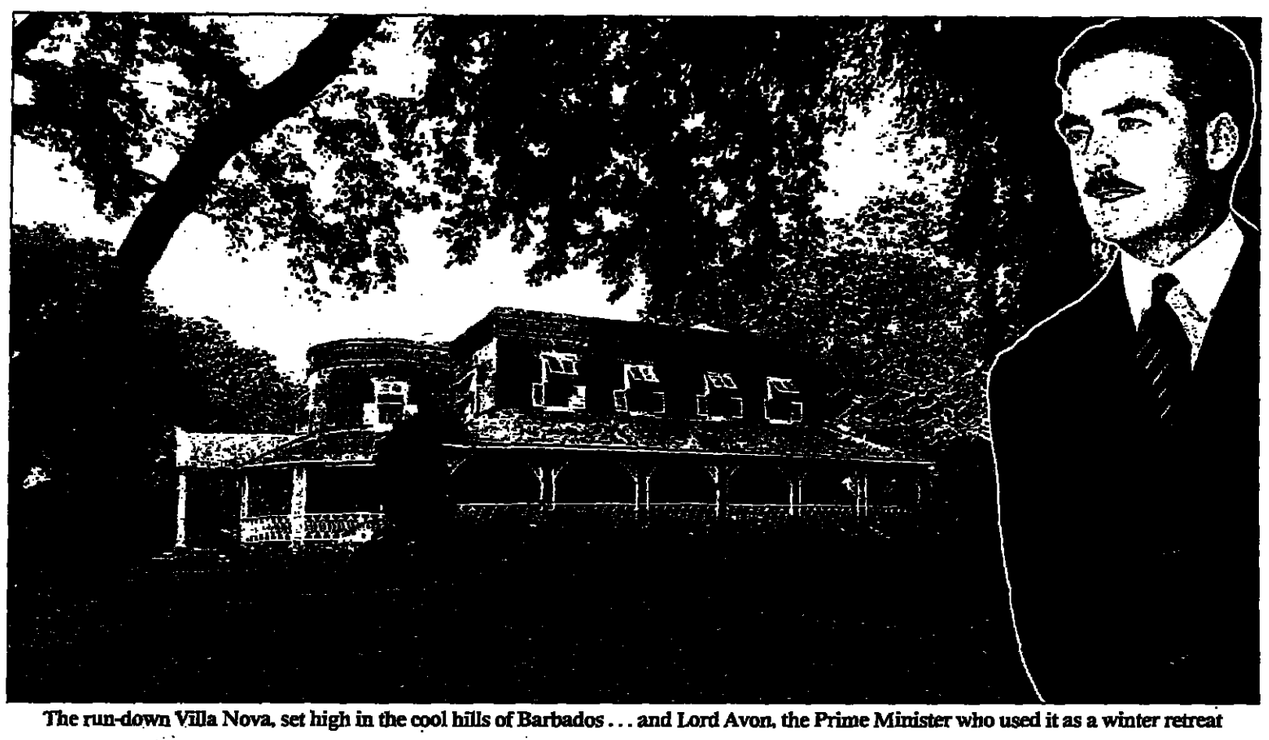
Lunn Poly said yesterday that the combination of holiday insurance and discounts "offers the best possible deal to the widest number of customers".

A spokesman added: "We make it absolutely clear to the customer what the discount is and what cover the insurance provides. It is a very high quality insurance, and although it may not suit everyone, more than 90 per cent of our three million customers take the cover with no complaints."

Michael Sutton, of Columbus Travel Insurance, which claims to undercut rival travel insurance companies and offers cover at under half that charged by Lunn Poly, said, however, that the public were being "ripped off".

"In my opinion these travel agencies should not be allowed to do it. It is a restriction of trade and I am delighted that the OFT is going to do something about it," he said.

Plantation house where a Prime Minister entertained royalty is to be restored



The run-down Villa Nova, set high in the cool hills of Barbados . . . and Lord Avon, the Prime Minister who used it as a winter retreat

Glory returns to Eden's hideaway

VILLA NOVA, the winter holiday retreat in Barbados of the Earl of Avon (Sir Anthony Eden), which was falling into disrepair, has been bought by Horizon Resorts, a travel company based in Zurich. It is to become one of the most luxurious hideaways in the Caribbean (*Harvey Elliott writes*).

The villa, in 14 acres of garden, is situated high in the cool hills above the east coast of Barbados. It was once one of the grandest plantation houses in the West Indies.

The former Prime Minister used it for many years, often entertaining visiting dignitaries, including the Queen, Sir Winston Churchill and Noël Coward. Roland Schällibaum, president of Horizon Resorts, said: "Villa Nova is a superb house, but it was falling into serious disrepair because of a lack of funds. We plan to restore it to its former glory."

The villa's 32 rooms and suites — which can be booked as a conference venue or individually — will be opened from mid-December and will range in price from £340 a night for a double room to £1,052 a night for a three-bedroom executive suite, complete with butler.

Horst Petermann, the leading Swiss chef who owns the restaurant Kunststube in Zurich, has been appointed to run the three restaurants and private dining facilities.

Russians invade Riviera

AEROFLOT and Air France are scheduling direct flights next month from Moscow to Nice for the first time, and guidebooks for the Riviera are being rushed out in Russian editions, *Willy Newlands writes*.

The number of tourists from Moscow, St Petersburg and even Kazakhstan is expected to double from 14,000 to more than 30,000 this year. Once the playground of stars and tsars, the Riviera is enjoying a boom thanks to the free-spending habits of the new Russian "aristocracy", who have chosen the stylish Promenade des Anglais as their playground.

The latest influx consists mainly of small spenders, who buy plastic hairclips at PrisUnic rather than couture clothes at Dior or Chanel. The big spenders — usually said to be members of the Moscow Mafia — do not want to share their holiday with less wealthy Russians and are expected to move elsewhere.

Mme Pascale Royon, of the Coast Organisation Agency in Nice, said: "People have been talking about the mob coming here, but for our agency that is in the past. We can see the difference now. We are getting people who have been keeping money for the dream of their lives. With many agencies in Russia offering holidays, the price has been lowered and it is easy to travel. The Riviera has a very old partnership with Russia — the last tsar had a villa here."

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NEWS

Party chiefs pay tribute to Wilson

■ Political differences were set aside yesterday as party leaders united in generous tribute to Harold Wilson, Labour's most successful Prime Minister, after his death at the age of 79.

John Major and Tony Blair led the homage to the man who led Labour to four out of five election victories. Each offered praise — Mr Blair of his modernising instincts, Mr Major of his ability to conciliate ..... **Pages 1, 2, 6, 8, 18, 19, 21**

Nine die as plane crashes in storm

■ Nine people were killed and three were missing feared dead last night after a twin-engine aircraft crashed during a thunderstorm. The 21-seat plane came down in a field beside the A61 at Dunkeswick, West Yorkshire, minutes after taking off from Leeds airport. It is believed that the pilot sent a Mayday call seconds before the crash ..... **Page 1**

Tories down

Tory support has fallen to its lowest-ever level after further internal rows and the local election rout, while Labour has built a commanding lead ..... **Page 1**

Diplomats' delight

No longer will the frisson of an illicit East-West relationship be the stuff of spy novels. American Embassy officials are now free to entangle themselves with Russian women ..... **uPage 1**

School standards

Gillian Shephard will announce a ten-point plan to raise standards in state schools in a personal crusade to cut the level of unsatisfactory teaching reported by inspectors ..... **Page 2**

Ince is cleared

Paul Ince, the Manchester United and England footballer, was cleared of assaulting a spectator, lifting a four-month cloud over his future international career ..... **Page 3**

Chirac's pledges

Efforts have begun to counter the scepticism that greeted the promises contained in President Chirac's new Government's programme ..... **Page 12**

Request to IRA

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Survivors of Tuesday's coach crash recalled their desperate attempts to save the lives of friends amid the carnage ..... **Page 4**

Paris summit

President Chirac moved to assert his authority in the international arena by summoning European leaders to an informal summit in Paris ..... **Page 12**

White House shots

An armed intruder and a Secret Service agent were recovering from gunshot wounds in hospital after yet another attack on the White House ..... **Page 14**

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Three people were killed and at least 15 wounded in Sarajevo as fighting around the Bosnian capital escalated sharply, with Serbs apparently using phosphorus shells in ways banned by the Geneva Convention ..... **Page 13**

Auckland rejoices

The people of Auckland, New Zealand, went wild with joy as they feted the crew of *Black Magic*, winners of the America's Cup 12 days ago. A crowd of 300,000 crammed the route for a ticker-tape welcome ..... **Page 15**

Dissidents held

Chinese police have detained two more dissidents in a campaign to avert unrest on the sixth anniversary of the June 4 Tienanmen Square massacre ..... **Page 15**

'Wig and bra' boy sues teacher

■ Another milestone in farcical US litigation was passed when Caleb Guerrier, 13, a Brooklyn schoolboy, sued his teacher for $22.5 million, claiming that he was emotionally traumatised by being made to wear women's clothing. The boy says Pauline Williamson punished ill disciplined boys by making them wear a wig, bra, skirt and high heels ..... **Page 14**

ANDRE CAMARA



Fredie Lloyd-Jones, 4, son of one of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition exhibitors, admires Ralph Brown's life-size bronze of Jambo the Gorilla, famous for protecting a child who fell into its enclosure. The bronze is being exhibited at the academy

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Police officers have been reluctant to admit wrongdoing or identify the New York City cops who went on a drunken rampage through Washington hotels. This can only compound the shame of the original outrageous behaviour
— The New York Times

President Clinton has drawn a line in the sand with Japan and the hundreds of US-based dealers in Japanese luxury cars. But who cares about the rich and their ostentatious playthings?
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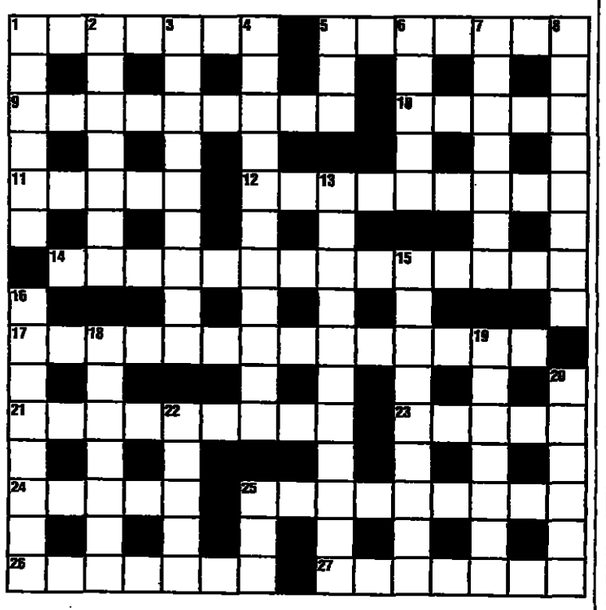
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Prestatyn, Clwyd, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 8C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.06in, highest sunshine: Cromer, Norfolk, 12.1hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General situation:** Sunshine and showers. There will be a sunny start over much of England and Wales with bright spells throughout the day, especially in the South East where many places will stay dry. Elsewhere showers are likely, possibly heavy in places.

Northernmost Scotland may start wet, but brighter weather will soon spread to most of Scotland and Northern Ireland. Showers will develop during the day, and may become heavy. Temperatures will not be far from the seasonal normal.

☐ **London, Central S, SE, E England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** Sunny, one or two showers later. Wind south-west, moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ **W Midlands, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** Sunshine and showers. Heavy showers later. Wind south to southwest, moderate or fresh. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England:** Sunny at times with a few showers. Wind south-west, moderate or fresh. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NW Scotland:** Sunny spells, showers later. Wind south moderate, fresh at times. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Rain clearing northwards, then sunny spells. Showers later. Wind south-east fresh. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Outlook:** Mostly sunny at first, but patchy rain spreading from west.

☐ **Pollen count:** Scotland L; Northern England L; Northern Ireland L; Midlands M; East Anglia M; Wales L; South East M; South West L; London L.

H=high, L=low M=moderate

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.4	0.03	16	61	b	Liverpool	7.8	-	20	68	s
Anglesey	6.7	-	19	66	b	London	7.9	-	21	70	b
Aspatria	9.3	-	20	68	s	Lowestoft	10.0	-	15	59	s
Aviemore	7.3	0.02	19	66	b	Manchester	8.3	-	20	68	s
Belfast	8.3	0.02	19	66	s	Margate	7.8	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	5.0	-	21	70	b	Minehead	9.2	-	21	70	s
Bognor R	11.6	-	20	68	s	Morecambe	7.5	0.04	21	70	s
Bournem'th	10.0	-	19	66	s	Newcastle	5.1	0.05	18	61	s
Bristol	7.0	-	22	72	s	Newquay	10.1	-	20	68	s
Buxton	7.5	-	19	66	s	Norwich	X				
Cardiff	7.0	-	21	70	s	Nottingham	X				
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	5.8	-	22	72	s
Colwyn Bay	8.0	-	22	72	s	Penzance	8.8	-	17	63	s
Cromer	12.1	-	13	55	s	Plymouth	X				
Doncaster	9.2	-	20	68	s	Poole	10.0	-	21	70	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X		23	73	s
Eastbourne	8.1	-	16	61	s	Ross-o-wye	5.4	-	21	70	b
Edinburgh	2.1	0.04	18	66	c	Ryde	10.0	-	20	68	s
Eskdalemuir	4.0	0.06	18	64	b	Salcombe	8.4	-	19	66	s
Exmouth	8.5	-	17	63	s	Sandown	8.8	-	17	63	s
Falmouth	X					Saunton Snd	6.5	-	23	73	b
Fishguard	7.5	-	20	68	b	Scarboro'	9.2	-	14	57	s
Folkestone	9.1	-	21	70	s	Shanklin	9.6	-	18	64	s
Glasgow	9.6	0.01	21	70	s	Shrewsbury	7.8	-	21	70	s
Guernsey	8.8	-	22	72	s	Skegness	8.7	-	13	55	s
Hastings	8.4	-	20	68	s	Southend	12.0	-	19	66	s
Hayling I.	9.0	-	18	64	s	Southport	7.5	-	21	70	s
Herne Bay	9.0	-	18	64	s	Southsea	10.4	-	18	64	s
Hove	9.9	-	18	64	s	Stornoway	6.0	0.03	15	59	b
Hunstanton	9.3	-	15	59	s	Swanage	9.3	-	15	59	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	9.5	-	16	61	s
Isle of Man	8.3	-	17	63	s	Tenby	8.0	-	16	61	s
Jersey	9.5	-	22	72	s	Tiree	7.8	-	14	57	s
Kinloss	7.0	0.02	20	68	b	Torquay	9.4	-	17	63	s
Leeds	6.1	-	19	66	b	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	0.1	0.02	11	52	c	Ventnor	10.0	-	18	64	s
Lauchars	4.1	0.03	17	63	r	Weymouth	8.5	-	16	61	s
Littlehmptn	11.9	-	20	68	s	These are Tuesday's figures					

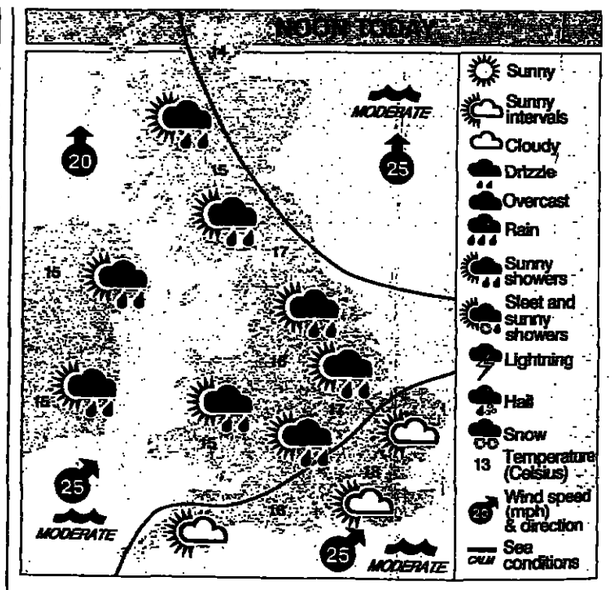
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Ajaccio	22	72	s	Corfu	22	72	s	Majorca	24	75	f
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Dublin	16	61	f	Malaga	23	73	s
Alex'dria	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	-	--		Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Faro	22	72	s	Molib'me	13	55	f
Amst'dm	26	77	s	Florence	23	73	s	Mexico C	25	77	a
Athens	24	75	s	Frankfurt	24	75	s	Miami	31	88	c
Bahrain	32	90	s	Funchal	22	72	c	Milan	23	73	s
Barbados	31	88	f	Geneva	21	70	f	Montreal	19	66	s
Barcelona	19	66	s	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Moscow	23	73	f
Beirut	27	81	s	Helsinki	12	54	s	Munich	23	73	s
Belgrade	22	72	s	Hong K	28	82	f	Nairobi	-	--	
Berlin	22	72	s	Innsbruck	24	75	f	Naples	24	75	s
Bermuda	23	73	c	Istanbul	19	66	s	N Delhi	37	99	s
Biarritz	17	63	c	Jeddah	39	102	s	N York	22	72	s
Borde'x	16	61	r	Jo'burg	16	61	s	Nice	20	68	s
Brussels	21	70	s	Karachi	35	95	s	Oslo	14	57	c
Budapst	23	73	s	L Palmas	21	70	f	Paris	19	66	s
B Aires	15	59	s	La Tquet	19	66	f	Peking	30	86	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Lisbon	19	66	f	Perth	14	57	c
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Locarno	18	64	c	Prague	21	70	s
Chicago	19	66	f	L Angels	18	64	c	Reykjavik	9	48	f
Ch'church	12	54	-	Luxembg	21	70	s	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	26	79	s	Luxor	43	109	s	Rio de J	23	73	f
C'hagn	18	54	s	Madrid	25	77	s	Riyadh	39	102	f

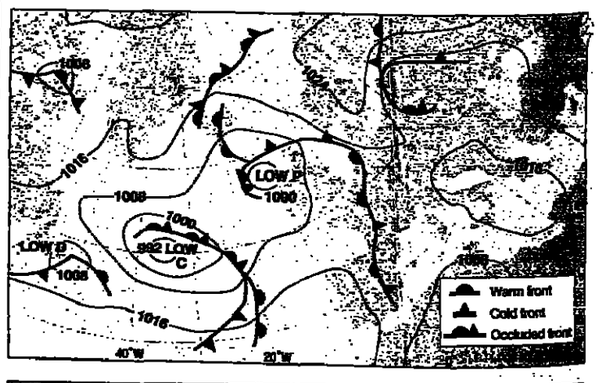
Rome	22	72	f	Salzburg	26	77	s	Tangier	21	70	c
S Prisco	16	61	s	Santiago	22	72	a	Tel Aviv	31	88	c
S Paulo	21	70	c	Seoul	24	75	s	Tenerife	25	77	f
Sing'por	31	88	f	St'kholm	13	55	f	Tokyo	23	73	s
Strasb'rg	24	75	s	Sydney	19	66	f	Toronto	-	--	
Sydney	19	66	f	Tangier	21	70	c	Tunis	29	84	s
Tel Aviv	31	88	c	Tenerife	25	77	f	Valencia	21	70	s
Tenerife	25	77	f	Tokyo	23	73	s	Vanc'ver	16	61	s
Tokyo	23	73	s	Toronto	-	--		Venice	20	68	f
Toronto	-	--		Tunis	29	84	s	Vienna	22	72	s
Tunis	29	84	s	Valencia	21	70	s	Warsaw	21	70	f
Valencia	21	70	s	Vanc'ver	16	61	s	Wash'ton	26	79	s
Vanc'ver	16	61	s	Venice	20	68	f	Wel'ngton	-	--	
Venice	20	68	f	Vienna	22	72	s	Zurich	22	72	s
Vienna	22	72	s	Warsaw	21	70	f				
Warsaw	21	70	f	Wash'ton	26	79	s				
Wash'ton	26	79	s	Wel'ngton	-	--					
Wel'ngton	-	--		Zurich	22	72	s				

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available

NOON TODAY



Low P will drift north and fill slowly. Low C will be absorbed by new Low D moving east from Newfoundland



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10:50	6.89	11:09	6.82	Leith	11:48	4.67	--	--
Aberdeen	10:31	3.85	11:13	3.89	Liverpool	8:15	8.17	8:50	8.13
Avonmouth	3:55	11.35	4:25	11.36	Lowestoft	6:50	2.26	6:50	2.18
Belfast	8:09	3.17	8:41	3.13	Margate	9:22	4.33	9:36	4.20
Cardiff	3:42	10.61	4:07	10.56	Milford Haven	3:08	5.84	3:39	5.91
Devonport	2:32	4.68	3:06	4.71	Newquay	2:01	5.81	2:58	5.75
Dover	8:22	5.74	8:30	5.94	Oban	3:00	3.23	3:23	3.04
Dublin	8:49	3.75	9:31	3.73	Penzance	1:39	4.62	2:13	4.60
Falmouth	1:57	4.56	2:26	4.41	Portland	3:27	1.56	4:07	1.85
Glasgow	9:37	4.17	9:58	4.24	Portsmouth	9:28	4.01	8:55	4.37
Harwich	8:53	3.61	9:12	3.51	Shoreham	8:31	5.18	8:54	5.47
Holyhead	7:30	4.88	8:12	4.86	Southampton	8:01	3.90	8:38	4.23
Hull	3:26	6.36	3:30	6.52	Swansea	3:11	8.02	3:40	8.04
Ilfracombe	2:52	7.81	3:22	7.74	Tees	0:26	4.62	0:43	4.73
King's Lynn	3:18	5.59	3:36	5.83	W'ton-on-Nze	8:56	3.79	9:12	3.70

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.56 am
Sun sets: 8.59 pm
Moon sets 5.04 pm
Moon rises 3.09 am

London 8.59 pm to 4.55 am
Bristol 9.09 pm to 5.05 am
Edinburgh 9.38 pm to 4.43 am
Manchester 9.18 pm to 4.54 am
Penzance 9.15 pm to 5.23 am

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THURSDAY MAY 25 1995

Cheap loans put banks in jeopardy

BY ROBERT MILLER

THE Bank of England yesterday issued a stern warning to British banks to tighten up their lending policies to business customers.

The Bank said competition had driven lending margins too low and was making terms too generous. In an ironic reversal of the complaints of overcharging from small businesses, the banks' supervisor also implied that lending to small businesses was again becoming a danger area.

As banks battle for a bigger share of a generally lacklustre corporate lending market, their regulator said it was concerned that standards were being "loosened". Senior officials said the key concern was that "banks may no longer be charging borrowers adequately for the risks they are taking".

The Bank of England Banking Act report for 1994, published yesterday, said that by reducing the cost of borrowing for companies across the board there was a danger that banks could be caught out by lending to "less creditworthy borrowers" as well as the high-quality ones.

The Bank said that the intense competition to lend money to companies had not just centred on the rate of interest charged. It added: "In a number of cases, loan covenants have also been loosened. This is a worrying development. A willingness to compromise on standards of financial covenants may mean the scope for lenders to monitor the financial health of borrowers, receive early warning of problems, and press for remedial action is considerably diminished."

Bank officials are anxious to avoid a replay of the last downturn in the economic recession. Then, slack lending policies to companies led to the banks collectively clocking up billions of pounds worth of bad debt provisions.

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In their haste to restore battered profit margins, banks pulled the rug from under large numbers of companies, large and small. This, in turn, led to the Bank launching an urgent review of lending policies in general and small companies in particular. The Bank noted that UK banks achieved record levels of profitability last year, with an aggregate pre-tax return on equity for the largest of 29 per cent compared with an average of about 14 per cent between 1983-93. But, the report added: "Profits will almost certainly decline when the economic cycle turns down."

The Bank also said that it expected far greater disclosure on the position taken by UK banks in the derivatives market and, in particular, wanted to improve the information flow on their exposure to the over-the-counter derivative market.

It is in this area where many of the largest losses have occurred through dealings in highly speculative and sophisticated "swap" instruments.

The Bank said that it wanted to ensure that banks disclose, through their public accounts, information that allows investors and depositors to make informed decisions about the nature of their business and the scale of risks run, and to ensure that information provided to statutory supervisors was comprehensive.

The Bank itself increased its dividend payment to the Treasury last year to £102.2 million, against £48.4 million in 1993-94, according to the latest annual report, also published yesterday. The flotation of 3i last year, in which the Bank had held a 14.5 per cent stake since 1945, brought in nearly £120 million. The Bank is planning to sell the remainder of its holding next month.

The annual report shows that Eddie George, the Bank's Governor, earned £227,000 inn the year to February 28, exactly the same as the total that was paid to him and Lord Kingsdown, his predecessor, in the previous year.



DES JENSON

Colin Smith, left, Alistair Grant, and David Webster, deputy chairman, yesterday

Argyll to shed 4,800 jobs

BY SARAH BAGNALL

ARGYLL, Britain's third biggest supermarket group, is axing 4,800 jobs — 7 per cent of its workforce — as part of a radical £195 million shake-up.

Of the job losses, 1,800 are due to the recently announced closure of 104 Presto stores and 20 Safeway stores. Colin Smith, chief executive, says the other 3,000 are mainly managerial and supervisory jobs from the group's 358 Safeway stores and about 200 head office jobs. Sir Alistair Grant, chairman, said these redundancies will be offset by 7,500 new jobs created by the opening of 34 new stores over the next two years. The job losses will cost about £40 million.

The news came as Argyll announced a 3 per cent rise in profits before tax and exceptional costs to £375 million in the year to April 1. The rise was acheived on the back of a 4 per cent rise in sales to £6.2 billion.

The final dividend is being lifted from 7.75p to 8.1p, making a year's total of 12p (11.5p). The dividend, due August 14, is being paid out pre-exceptional earnings of 23.3p a share, up 2 per cent.

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Funding struggle ahead for ICS

BY ROBERT MILLER

CITY merchant banks were last night reluctant to agree a much-needed £50 million line of credit to the official Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) in the face of a legal challenge calling into question the scheme's powers.

National Westminster Bank has put together a syndicate of finance houses to advance the standby loan to the ICS, but syndicate members are unwilling to give final approval. Their reluctance stems from a request to the High Court by Sun Life, the insurer, for judicial review of the power of City watchdogs to levy contributions on their members to support the scheme.

NatWest has arranged a meeting with the ICS for tomorrow. NatWest, which replaced SG Warburg as lead merchant bank in the ICS underwriting syndicate, said: "We have organised a syndicate of banks willing to provide a £50 million line of credit for the ICS to draw on if it should need to. As the lead arranger, NatWest will be advising the syndicate on how to proceed in the light of our discussions with the ICS."

The ICS is the ultimate safety net for investors who lose money through bad advice, theft or fraud. Since 1988, the scheme has paid £80 million to nearly 8,000 investors. Within the next few weeks, the Personal Investment Authority, the regulator for firms selling investments direct to the public, will be seeking a further £15.8 million from its members. Many PIA members are reluctant to pay up while there is a legal challenge pending.

The ICS has an interim arrangement with its main banker, the Royal Bank of Scotland, to draw on a £10 million overdraft facility. It is understood that RBS may review this facility if the £50 million merchant bank credit line is withdrawn and if Sun Life gains a full hearing. RBS declined to comment.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3327.3	(+35.5)
Yield	4.14%	
FT-SE A All share	1632.16	(+14.49)
Nikkei	15970.75	(+54.60)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4448.19	(+11.75)*
S&P Composite	530.64	(+2.05)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(5¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	110²⁷⁄₃₂*	(109²⁵⁄₃₂)
Yield	6.77%*	(6.84%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6¹⁵⁄₁₆%	(6¹⁷⁄₃₂%)
Lilfe long gilt future (Jun)	107¹⁵⁄₃₂	(106¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5765*	(1.5705)
London:		
$	1.5759	(1.5685)
DM	2.2704	(2.2653)
FFr	8.0670	(8.0410)
SFr	1.8919	(1.8853)
Yen	137.58	(136.85)
£ Index	84.9	(84.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.4393*	(1.4441)
FFr	5.1095*	(5.1315)
SFr	1.1995*	(1.2030)
Yen	87.13*	(87.16)
$ Index	90.1	(90.1)

Tokyo close Yen 87.38

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Aug) $18.05 ($18.10)

GOLD

London close $383.95 ($382.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Shares reach 15-month high

The bull run resumed in London as leading shares and gilts posted strong gains. The FT-SE 100 index closed at a 15-month high after stocks on Wall Street set new records. Economic statistics on both sides of the Atlantic pointing to an easing of inflationary pressures combined with a string of positive corporate trading results and a downward revision of UK GDP figures.

The FT-SE 100 index touched an intra-session trading high for the year of 3,334.3, slipping to end at 3,327.3, up 35.5 points. The year's previous closing high was 3,317.9 on May 11.

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'Rottweiler' name urges rejection of Lloyd's package

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

JOHN DONNER, a Lloyd's name and former market professional, is urging names to reject Lloyd's £2.8 billion settlement package because it fails to justly and fairly compensate names for their losses.

Mr Donner, 64, who earned the nickname "rottweiler" in the 1980s for his tenacity, claims that much of the £8 billion of losses that have hit names were caused or exacerbated by "fraud, deliberate concealment, bad motives and massive regulatory failure".

His claims come as the Treasury Select Committee is expected to release a damning report on self-regulation of the insurance market. The report, out today, is expected to conclude that the system of self-regulation at Lloyd's is fundamentally flawed.

Mr Donner, together with his wife and two children, has lost more than £3 million in the insurance market. Mr Donner, who sold his members' agency for £4.5 million to Sturge about five years ago, has taken the unusual step of placing a full-page advertisement in today's edition of *The Times*. The advertisement, on page 9, brandishes the headline: "If you knew the answers to these questions you wouldn't accept the Lloyd's offer."

Mr Donner said: "The offer is a sham partly because it has no contribution from the parties who are culpable." These, he alleges, are the Department of Trade and Industry, the US Labour Office, successive committees and former chairmen at Lloyd's. "The parties responsible have to got to come to the settlement," he said.

He is calling on names to join the Donner Names Association in its fight to expose the "truth" behind the losses; to seek and obtain a fair and just compensation for all names and to ensure that Lloyd's is regulated properly in the future.

One of his claims is that Lloyd's deliberately concealed information concerning the potential asbestosis and pollution claims emanating from the US. Mr Donner said: "I have the evidence to prove it and I will stop at nothing to do so."

BAe and GEC poised to renew fight for VSEL

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE bid battle between British Aerospace and the General Electric Company for control of VSEL, the Barrow warship builder, is expected to resume today.

BAe is poised to renew its offer of 3.3 of its own shares for every share in VSEL, valuing the company at some £670 million. The price, £100 million higher than the valuation offered by BAe last autumn thanks to a rise in BAe shares, will be justified by the £89.2 million increase in VSEL's net cash, to £411 million.

GEC is also on standby to launch a new cash offer above the £532 million it tabled last autumn. Advisers to both bidders spent yesterday reviewing the value of VSEL after the Barrow company announced pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 up 5.7 per cent at £64.5 million.

The results were published only 24 hours after Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said he would not block either predator.

Noel Davies, chief executive of VSEL, said he hoped the company's fate would be decided "as soon as possible". VSEL wants a larger parent to underwrite its bid to build five new nuclear-powered submarines for the Ministry of Defence, and to help it win export contracts. It says either GEC or BAe would be acceptable. The scale of VSEL's cash will add to the attractions of the company to BAe as a disguised rights issue. BAe is also keen to extend its activities as a prime contractor into warship construction.

GEC, which has ample spare cash, may now be keener to secure the economies that would stem from ownership of VSEL, and more concerned that any failure to win control could lead it to get out of warship building.

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Brewer ends tradition of serving free beer

Young & Co calls time on liquid AGM



Dry measure: John Young caps costs

BY MARTIN WALLER

ONE of the grandest traditions in the brewing industry has, sadly, been put out to grass. Young & Co, a small south-west London beermaker, is putting its famed, and famously liquid, annual shareholders meetings on the wagon.

Young's, one of the most traditional of businesses in an industry increasingly dominated by high technology and the marketing man, is not succumbing to the dread hand of political correctness or the health lobby, however.

The blame is put squarely on shareholders' appetites for the product, which until now has been served free and in large quantities at its AGMs. The meetings, an essential entry in the diaries of freeloading real ale buffs with a handful of shares apiece, have simply become too expensive.

The last one, at a modest west London hotel, cost £25,000, or £38 a head, a lot for a company that yesterday reported annual profits of £5.31 million, up just 3 per cent, for its latest financial year to April 30.

The cost may not seem a great deal when put against company jamborees like that hosted each year by the rather bigger Grand Metropolitan or the corporate rallies once held by Burton Group under Sir Ralph Halpern. But most of that £25,000 went on beer.

Some 658 people went last year and got through 2,500 pints. Food was limited to a modest plate of sandwiches, and a fair number, mostly women, limited their liquid intake to a few glasses of wine. The real ale fraternity, therefore, did rather better than the statistical average of four pints apiece: among their number was a Mancunian who was overheard calculating that three more pints would pay back his day return on the train. "It was more of an excuse for a beano than a serious business meeting," said Michael Hardman, the Young's spokesman. "Our shareholders really should be taking an interest in the company."

In future, they will have to content themselves with their dividends — a same-again final of 7.75p and 15p total — and a strictly dry meeting at the drab Wandsworth Town Hall, next door to Young's Ram Brewery.

"We want our shareholders to visit the many Young's pubs in and around Wandsworth," said John Young, chairman, who once enlivened the local advertising boards by dressing up as Lord Kitchener in an advertising campaign. The hospitality promised there will be warm — but not free.

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'Relax data protection' to help vet job seekers

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

DATA protection laws should be relaxed to allow companies to vet job applicants against national records and prevent criminal infiltration, a senior Scotland Yard detective yesterday told an international conference on organised crime.

Detective Inspector Graham Saltmarsh, head of the economic crime unit in the National Criminal Intelligence Service, said the law already allowed vetting for anyone who worked with children. At the same time, there was currently nothing to stop a convicted fraudster from joining a bank. Employers had no access to police or criminal records.

Speaking at the police staff college at Bramshill, Hampshire, he said: "At the moment, apart from checking references, there is nothing an employer can do. The vetting of job candidates and the availablity of certain factual records may prevent some basic mistakes being made by the private sector who hitherto have had very restricted access to data they might really need."

Companies recognised the risk of industrial espionage. They were oblivious to the risks of actual infiltration by sophisticated criminals who might be bent on money laundering, siphoning off cash or directly taking over the business.

He said that in the United States commercial espionage was estimated to cost companies a total of about $50 billion a year, but other crimes, including copyright theft and technology theft, added a further $190 billion to the bill. Mr Saltmarsh said it was time for companies to appreciate the value of information and do more to protect themselves.

Mr Saltmarsh said companies should consider setting up business intelligence cells on the model used by almost all Japanese firms.

Such intelligence cells provided a mass of information on a company beyond the simple creation of security measures for plant and staff. The cells could assess risks to the company and build early warning systems. Only one or two companies in Britain now used such cells and only 3 to 5 per cent of the top 1,000 companies in the United States, he said.

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.11
Austria Sch	16.96	15.46
Belgium Fr	49.69	45.39
Canada $	2.250	2.090
Cyprus Cypē	0.759	0.704
Denmark Kr	9.49	8.89
Finland Mkk	7.50	6.85
France Fr	8.48	7.83
Germany Dm	2.42	2.21
Greece Dr	381.00	356.00
Hong Kong $	12.79	11.79
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel	5.2749	4.5249
Italy Lira	2775.00	2620.00
Japan Yen	151.50	135.50
Malta	0.604	0.549
Netherlds Gld	2.693	2.463
Norway Kr	10.70	9.90
Portugal Esc	250.00	231.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.39
Spain Pta	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	12.38	11.48
Switzerland Fr	2.02	1.84
Turkey Lira	refer	67316.0
USA $	1.668	1.538

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MARTIN BEDDALL



Sipko Huismans said raw material prices were higher than ever in absolute terms

Price rises curb profit advance at Courtaulds

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

UNPRECEDENTED price rises in raw materials curbed the profits of Courtaulds, the chemicals group, which yesterday reported a pre-tax advance to £151 million, from £121.6 million last year.

The company, which last year shed 1,000 jobs worldwide in a drive to save costs, saw margins squeezed by raw materials, which in some cases doubled and trebled in price. Estimates put the net impact on profits at about £30 million after cost savings were made in the second half.

Sipko Huismans, chief executive, said: "Prices are higher than we've ever seen before in absolute terms." And with the costs of materials, such as pulp, higher now than they were last year, Mr Huismans could not rule out further cost-cutting. "We are passing on price increases and they are starting to feed through, but we always have to be aware of costs, although it is difficult to see what more can be cut."

Operating profit for the year to March 31 fell from £175 million to £163 million. But against price pressures and shrinking margins — the margin for fibres fell from 13 per cent to 9 per cent — sales pushed up 7 per cent, with volumes in the Far East, where Courtaulds is heavily expanding, up 20 per cent.

The company plans ultimately to shift about a third of its business to the Far East and an immediate priority is to find a site for a plant to produce Tencel, the fibre in which it has invested much research. Mr Huismans said that Courtaulds's Far East expansion is not in the interests of finding lower cost base production, but moving to where the markets are. "It is a shift to where there is growth and people."

The results fell in the middle of analysts' forecasts of between £145 million and £155 million. Jeremy Chantry, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said that although there was general relief at the figures, there is still cause for concern over raw material prices. "The margin pressures are more acute now than they were in the second half of last year."

Earnings per share fell slightly from 25.8p to 25.4p, while the dividend, which is payable on August 2, increased 4.1 per cent to 15.4p. The shares gained 14p to 477p.

GDP figures revised down

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE Chancellor's hand to resist an early base rate rise has been strengthened by revised figures which show a sharper than expected slowdown in the first quarter.

Downward revision to initial estimates for construction and agriculture was the main cause of downgrading of growth of the gross domestic product (GDP) to 0.7 per cent in the first quarter, after adjustment for seasonal factors.

The initial estimate was 0.8 per cent, the same as in the final quarter of last year. Year-on-year growth was revised to 3.7 per cent from the 3.9 per cent first reported. In the previous quarter, GDP showed annual growth of 4.2 per cent.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is expected to use the slowdown at his monetary policy meeting with Eddie George on June 7 to argue that a fresh interest rate rise is not justified, especially given the fall in consumer spending. He rejected Mr George's advice and left base rates unchanged this month at 6.75 per cent, in spite of the pound's weakness.

The GDP deflator, which measures the overall inflation rate in the economy, rose by 0.2 per cent in the first quarter to give an annual rate of 1.3 per cent, the lowest for 15 years.

Excluding oil and gas production, the GDP showed a rise of 0.6 per cent in the first quarter, down from an initial estimate of 0.8 per cent, giving year-on-year growth of 3.5 per cent instead of the 3.7 per cent given previously.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cadbury's effects on UK boardrooms

FORMAL structures of company boardrooms have changed rapidly since the Cadbury committee on the financial aspects of corporate governance introduced its code of best practice two years ago. A survey of compliance by the committee, which disbands next month, found more than 80 per cent of the top 500 companies have three or more non-executive directors and three quarters of smaller companies have two.

More than 70 per cent of the top 500 had audit committees of three non-executives in 1993-94 and more than 80 per cent had remuneration committees, far more than a year earlier. There was a high and rising level of compliance with other elements of the code, especially among the biggest companies. Four out of five of the top 1,000 companies also split the roles of chairman and chief executive, much more than in earlier years. Sir Adrian Cadbury, who set up the committee four years ago, said it was now important to make these formal structures work. **Pennington, page 27**

Guardian to reveal plan

GUARDIAN, the insurance group, is to make a major announcement today concerning the future of its life insurance operation. The company is assembling its 2,000 staff for selling life insurance and personal pensions at its offices around the country to tell them about its plans. There was speculation that Guardian intended either to make an acquisition or was planning cuts. Guardian, although financially sound, has been under pressure on both its life insurance and general insurance side because of increased competition from telephone insurers and because of the impact of new rules concerning disclosure of charges.

Banned trader jailed

MICHAEL IVOR BRAFF, a former account executive with David Coakley, the disgraced futures and options firm, has been jailed for two months for running an unauthorised investment business. He carried on trading in defiance of two injunctions obtained by the Securities and Investments Board. David Coakley was expelled by the Securities and Futures Authority (SFA) in July 1994, after complaints about high-pressure sales tactics. Braff was fined £10,000 by the SFA. It later came to light that Braff was running unauthorised investment schemes in London and Dublin, through a company called Global Currency.

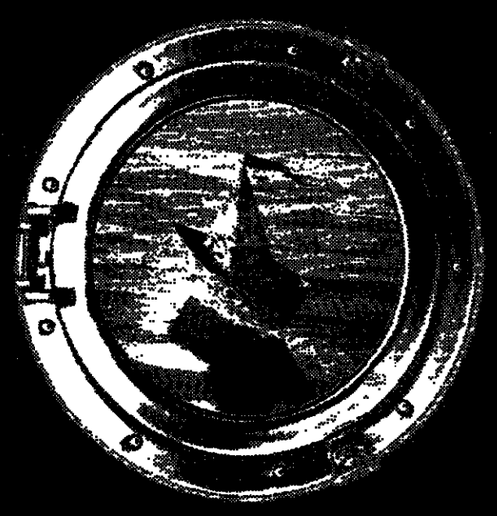
Siemens outsourcing

SIEMENS, the German electronics and electrical engineering group, has launched its plan for a separate outsourcing operation by setting up Siemens Business Service (SBS) in Britain. SBS, which will have initial revenue of £10 million and a staff of 90 through consolidating existing UK group activities, is targeting £50m revenue in three years, with the focus on private-sector clients. It will not be tied to Siemens Nixdorf computer equipment. Graham Paxton, SBS managing director, said: "Siemens Nixdorf had identified outsourcing as a strategic core business worldwide and the UK is leading the way."

June date for Usinor

USINOR SACILOR, Europe's biggest steelmaker, will be privatised by the end of June as the new French Government of Alain Juppé, Prime Minister, raises the tempo of France's asset sales programme. A finance ministry official added that the early part-privatisation of France Télécom is under consideration. The government aims to raise Fr55 billion from asset sales this year to cut the public deficit. Analysts said the sale of Usinor would raise between Fr15 billion and Fr20 billion, while disposal of the whole of the telecommunications group, would bring in more than Fr100 billion.

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The Role of Confirmation

Sections 95(3) and (4) of the Act provide that the Commission must confirm a transfer unless it considers that:

(a) some information material to the members' decision about the transfer was not made available to all the members eligible to vote; or

(b) the vote on any resolution approving the transfer does not represent the views of the members eligible to vote; or

(c) some relevant requirement of the Act or the rules of either of the societies was not fulfilled.

It is not for the Commission to substitute its own judgement as to the merits of the transfer.

The application will be heard on 27th June 1995 at a time and place to be determined by the Commission. Any interested party has the right to make representations to the Commission with respect to the application. Any written representations, or notice of a person's intention to make oral representations at the hearing, must be received by the Building Societies Commission at 15 Great Marlborough Street, London W1V 2LL by 12th June 1995.

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WALLIS GILBERT LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at: Haines Watts, 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU on 30 May 1996 at 3.30 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. A list of the name and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at 4-8 Tabernacle Street, London EC2A 4LU on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
DATED: 19 May 1996
By order of the Board
Ian Gardner Director

PUBLIC NOTICES

The first Annual General Meeting of the Sea Cadet Association will be held at Sea Cadet Headquarters, 202 Lambeth Road, London SE1 7JF, at 12 noon on Friday 30th June 1995. By Order of the Trustees

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE
RYDAL SCHOOL
SEX DISCRIMINATION ACT 1975

NOTE THAT application has been made by the Trustees of RYDAL SCHOOL to the Secretary of State for an Order under S.76 of the above Act.
This Order will modify powers given to the Trustees in the Methodist Secondary Education Trust Deed of 1903 and in a Scheme approved by the Board of Education as from the 11th March 1922 so as to enable the Trustees to make use of the property concerned for the education of girls as well as boys and so conduct the advancement of education without sex discrimination.
The draft Order, Trust Deed and Scheme may be inspected at any time between the hours of 10.00 am and 3.00 pm Monday to Friday at the Bursar's Office, Rydal School, Colwyn Bay, Clwyd LL29 7ST. Any persons wishing to make representations to the Secretary of State regarding the proposed Order may do so by sending them not later than the 26th day of June 1995 to the Secretary of State for Wales, Welsh Office (Legal Group - Ref. MAW) Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ.

Roxborough Financial Management Limited
(IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th June 1995, to send their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned, K.P.Barry, FCA, Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved. DATED THIS 19th May 1995. K.P.Barry Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CO-ORDINATE EXHIBITION SERVICES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 11.00 am on the 8th day of June 1995 at the offices of Ernst & Young, 400 Capability Green, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3LU for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected at Ernst & Young, 400 Capability Green, Luton, Bedfordshire, LU1 3LU between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on 1st June 1995 and 2nd June 1995.
For the purposes of voting a statement of claim and any proxy intended to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the secretary of the Company, 400 Capability Green, Luton, Beds, LU1 3LU not later than 12 noon on 2nd June 1995.
Dated this 22 May 1995
J WISEMAN
DIRECTOR

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
BRIAN BARTON-CHAPPLE (Professionally known as Richard Waring) Of 17 Chester Close Barnes London SW13 Writer Died 5 December 1994 Particulars to Harbottle & Lewis Hanover House 14 Hanover Square London W1R 0BE Executors: Derek Barton-Chapple. Claims before: 1 August

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☐ Bank of England sounds the alarm ☐ Key points for the Cadbury code ☐ Out of town free-for-all

No margin for error

PENNINGTON



☐ THE Bank of England is an expert in the art of understatement. The Old Lady wrinkles her eyebrows and squabbling bankers jump into line. She wags a finger and they hang their heads and promise to do better.

In typically restrained form, the Bank yesterday reported that the institutions it watches over are up to their old trick of trying to lose a great deal of money. There is not much banking business around at present and the large companies that want to borrow are pounced upon by dozens of eager lenders. As a result, companies can almost dictate their terms by dangling their syndicated loans in the faces of asset-starved bankers.

In the past year margins on syndicated loans have fallen to a quarter of a percentage point over Libor or even less. Companies are also demanding that lenders relax the conditions they impose on interest cover, gearing and capitalisation and are also insisting on longer maturities.

As a result, a warning light has started flashing on Eddie George's desk. The banks making these loans may blithely think that large companies are rock solid credit risks. But if the recession taught the City anything it was that big does not mean reliable. Some of the largest syndicated loans in the late Eighties were made to Maxwell Communication Corporation and Polly Peck. The size of these companies or the size of their appetite for borrowing did not save them from insolvency or their bankers for vast losses. All lending carries a risk and the Bank of England now seems sure that banks are not pricing their loans high enough to accommodate this risk. As a result, they will lose out in the long run.

Seven years ago the culprits of the previous binge of cheap lending were the Japanese banks who seemed particularly keen to lose their shirts as quickly as possible. Today the leaders in this lemming charge appear to be the continental banks. Faced with slack demand for lending at home and having copious reserves, they are piling into London.

The City is particularly exposed to the attentions of overseas banks because of its status as an international financial centre. Of the 525 authorised institutions that the Bank of England watches over, 300 are incorporated overseas.

But while it is easy to blame overseas banks for running the corporate lending market back into the danger zone, it is not the whole truth. British banks are just as culpable in chasing this market downward as they try to prevent their asset books shrinking. For all their brave words about asset quality, proper pricing and prudential lending, it appears that the banks have learned little from their astonishing losses on bad debts during the last recession. As their reserves recover, their desperate determination to lend, lend, lend has not diminished. One can only hope that the Bank of England can this time save them from their own bad habits.

Breathing life into the new board

☐ SIR Adrian Cadbury and his colleagues had to move fast to catch up with the changing tide of opinion on corporate governance while they worked on their first report. A technical matter of audit committees and internal controls to forestall corporate collapses was hi-jacked *en route* by scandals over boardroom perks and golden handshakes. Since the modest code of best practice was published, it has inevitably been overtaken.

Proposals to limit directors rolling contracts to three years soon looked timid. Remuneration committees of non-executives spawned a boardroom pay spiral because non-executives were self-interested bosses of other companies. That essentially social hot potato is now in the hands of Sir Richard Greenbury's band of bosses. But pay is not the most important issue in the drive to improve the way public-interest firms are run.

As Sir Adrian admits, rapid formal adoption of the code does not mean that new structures will work in practice. That is the next pressing task in the reform process. If managers do not value non-executives, they are unlikely to be allowed to contribute much. Many newly quoted companies see non-executives as a costly irrelevance that comes with accountants' reports and lawyers bills as part of the flotation process. It is often unclear whether they should be participants or policemen.

If the Cadbury code is to become more than a cipher among medium-sized quoted companies, then non-executive directors will probably need to develop their own "professional" support groups to help establish what they can and should do and how to cope with overweening executives. The role of chairman is still undeveloped.

If Sir Sydney Lipworth manages to persuade his chosen successor to Sir Adrian to take up the thankless task, Cadbury II should do more than let the new arrangements bed down. It should deal with pay, practical rights for shareholders and the issue of two-tier boards, which Labour would bring back on the agenda. That is really about management committees and power relations between executives and non-executives, which are just as vital on a unitary board.

City centres take a mall-ing

☐ THE planned mega-mall in Dumplington, now approved by the law lords, could generate enough trade to shut down almost one third of the shops in downtown Manchester, but it is unlikely to rip the heart out of the city. The principal loser there is likely to be the Co-op's Shute Hill redevelopment, which now looks uncertain.

The worry is the future for smaller town centres around Manchester. The tills in Dumplington will take revenue from a catchment area of eight million people stretching as far west as Liverpool and north towards Leeds.

The threat to town centres is real; Dumplington is about the size of the Metro Centre in Gateshead and Merry Hill, which is reckoned to have taken 70 per cent of the trade from nearby Dudley. Those who fear such a prospect should not blame the law lords who answered a narrow legal question but government ministers who sneer at public transport, seeking votes from the two-car suburban semi and who view our inner cities as junkies hooked on subsidy.

Ironically, the property industry that built the out-of-town malls was never keen on the planning free-for-all. On Friday, the winning bidder for the Church Commissioner's Metro Centre is expected to be named and the mad scramble by property investors is a tribute to the new policy of planning restraint. Indeed, Dumplington's developer would not have been celebrating yesterday if it suspected another Dumplington was around the corner.

Pint of peace

☐ BREWER Young & Co reckons its annual meeting had become too frivolous when shareholders supped 2,500 pints of its fine ales. Most other companies should move in the opposite direction. Young showed that hospitality attracts loyal shareholders, which more could do with. British Gas will not have that problem: 7,000 are expected to turn up. But it really needs to put them in a better mood.

Bass hints at more upheaval in beer trade

BY MARTIN WALLER

BASS, Britain's biggest brewer, has given the strongest forecast yet of further consolidation in the brewing industry if the proposed link between Courage and Scottish & Newcastle, currently being examined by the Office of Fair Trading, is allowed to go ahead.

Sir Ian Prosser, the Bass chairman, said that he expected the review of the deal, which would create a business with as much as 31 per cent of the market, "to clarify the context within which Bass may expand its UK brewing business".

Bass has about 24 per cent of the market and would be eclipsed by a merged S&N and Courage if this were allowed without reservations. Sir Ian said that, in those circumstances, his company would want to grow further.

Bass saw three possibilities, growing organically by increasing production and marketing spending, acquiring another big brand to add to Carling Black Label, or buying additional businesses.

"What we need to know is what alternatives are available to us in terms of acquiring market share," Sir Ian said.

Bass was reporting interim figures that beat market expectations, featuring strong growth from its Holiday Inns international hotels chain and even a slightly improved performance from brewing, which had been expected to show a decline, in difficult and competitive markets.

Pre-tax profits of £263 million in the 28 weeks to April 15 came in £21 million, or 8.7 per cent, ahead of the corresponding half last year. The dividend rises from 6.6p to 7.1p, from earnings per share 8 per cent ahead at 19.6p.

The figures prompted upgradings for the full year by a number of City analysts and a 14p jump in Bass shares, to 575p.

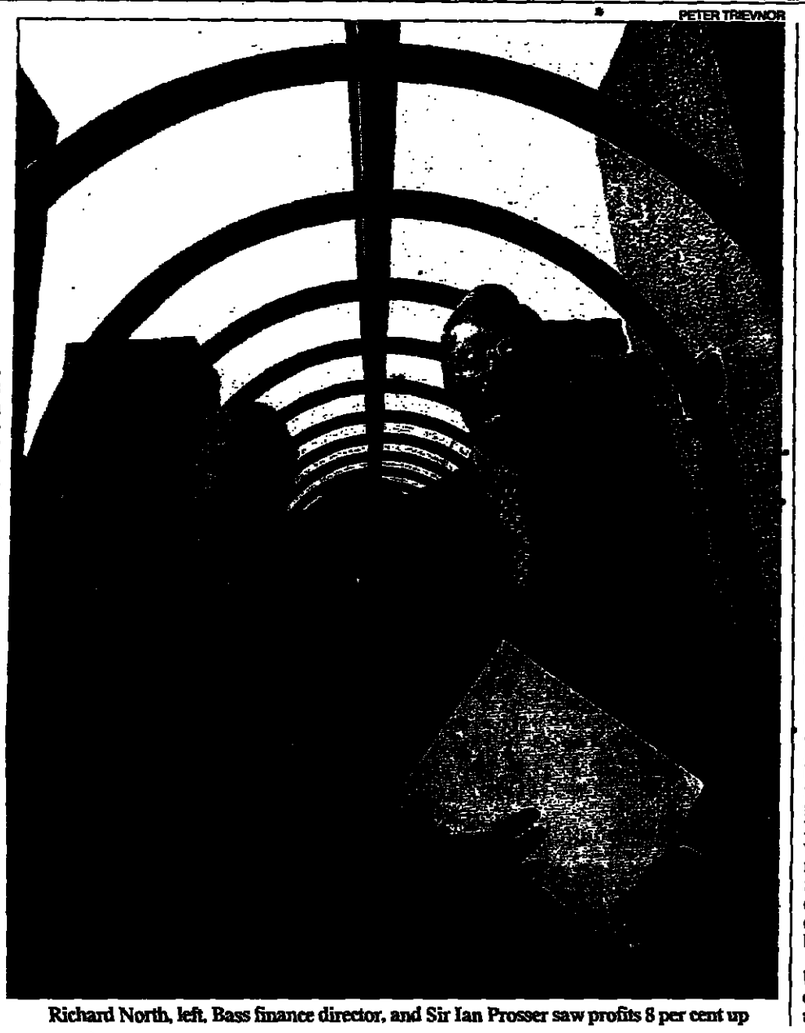
The hotels side increased operating profits in sterling terms by 4.9 per cent, to £64 million, although, in dollars and on a strictly comparable basis, they were ahead by 14.6 per cent. Profits were driven by a 4 per cent increase in the number of rooms in America, a rise in the amount Bass charges franchisees who run part of the estate, and significant increases in revenue per room, ranging from 5.2 per cent at the American franchised hotels to 11.4 per cent in Asia and the Pacific.

Brewing managed a 1.5 per cent rise in operating profits, to £69 million, although beer volumes were only a little improved. Bass Taverns, the pubs side, saw a rise of almost 11 per cent, to £115 million, driven by a 15 per cent rise from the managed house estate, where catering revenues were up by 13 per cent and drink sales per pub rose by 7 per cent as drinkers switched to higher-cost beers and lagers.

Bass's leisure business saw profits rise 20 per cent, to £42 million. The business includes Coral the bookmaker, which is beginning to see some impact from the National Lottery, Sir Ian said, mainly from the March 17 launch of scratch cards, which have taken some betting income.

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PETER TREVNOR



Richard North, left, Bass finance director, and Sir Ian Prosser saw profits 8 per cent up

Carlton to plug into cable and overseas broadcasting

BY MARTIN WALLER

CARLTON Communications is looking to use much of its strong cash flow from video duplicating and from its twin ITV franchises in London and the Midlands to invest in cable and satellite television and in overseas broadcasting.

The company has reported interim figures the day after the Government published its proposals on limiting media ownership, which potentially limit Carlton to its present two stations — its London weekday franchise and Central in the Midlands.

The half-way figures, to March 31, show the financial strength of the television interests, which were largely behind a rise in pre-tax profits from £73.4 million to £120.1 million and now account for half of operating profits. These were up by 70 per cent, to £122 million. Excluding acquisitions such as Central bought during the previous first half, operating profits were ahead by 25 per cent.

During the year, Carlton's balance sheet swung from debt of £51 million to net cash at March 31 of £41 million, although this was before payment of the final dividend for the previous year and UK corporation tax.

Michael Green, chairman, said: "Our priorities include adding to our film and programme libraries, selling more programmes into overseas and domestic markets and examining the prospects for investments in overseas channels."

The interim dividend rises from 8.15p to 9.3p. Earnings per share were 49 per cent ahead, at 31.8p.

The figures exceeded market forecasts, but an unexpected fall in profits from video duplication sent the shares into reverse. They fell 17p, to 942p, for a decline of 28p since publication of the Government's proposals on Tuesday.

Turnover from the video and audio business rose by 7 per cent, but profits were down by the same proportion, to £32.9 million. Margins in the Technicolor subsidiary were hit by higher prices for raw materials that make up the cassettes, higher packaging costs and the number of very big orders from customers.

The business produces for a range of Hollywood studios and saw huge orders for the latest Disney blockbuster, *The Lion King*, which has sold 28 million copies in the US so far. The video's launch is expected in Europe later this year.

Broadcasting saw turnover up from £203 million to £339 million, while operating profits rocketed from £17.4 million to £60.8 million, principally from a full half-year contribution from Central, which was in for four months as a 19 per cent owned associate in the comparable period.

Film and television services saw profits up 5 per cent, to £19.8 million, on turnover 6 per cent lower. June de Moller, Carlton's managing director, said that there was a good outlook for film releases, these including Disney's new animated feature *Pocahontas* and the third Batman film.

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'Realistic' Grid payout puts pressure on electricity shares

BY ERIC REGULY

LOWER than expected dividend growth at National Grid put downward pressure on the share prices of the 12 regional electricity companies that jointly own the electricity-transmission system.

The company's total dividend will rise by 8.7 per cent to £162 million in the year to March 31. The market was expecting a payout of 10 per cent to 15 per cent.

The dividend forecasts were made early in the year, when the City expected a June flotation of the Grid. One analyst said: "Everyone thought the Grid dividend would be boosted as a final gift to the electricity companies. Now that the flotation has been delayed, the dividend is more realistic." Electricity shares, as a result, underperformed yesterday's rising market. Northern Electricity fell 7p to 790, Eastern fell 3p to 638p and London Electricity was down 1p to 644p. Others were flat or rose slightly.

The higher dividend payout will earn as much as £35,000 for David Jeffries, the Grid chairman, who earned £365,000 last September by cashing in 60,000 options.

The Grid posted stronger profits despite flat turnover and an operating loss of £53m at Energis, its telecommunications division. Pre-tax profits of £610.6 million in the year to March 31 were up 5.4 per cent from the previous period. Turnover, constrained by a price cap that lasts until 1997, remained unchanged at £1.43 billion.

Profits were up largely because of falling costs — employment, excluding Energis, fell 11 per cent to 4,500 in 1994-95 — and a strong performance by the Grid's electricity-generation business, Pumped Storage, which made an operating profit of £75 million, up 66 per cent from the previous year.

French utility chief faces bribe charges

CORRUPTION allegations again shook French industry yesterday when Guy Dejouany, chairman of the giant public utility, the Compagnie Générale des Eaux, was indicted.

The charges stem from accusations that his company bribed politicians in the French overseas island of Réunion to award it lucrative public works contracts.

The action comes at a time when the French business community is under intense scrutiny after the indictment of senior figures, including Pierre Suard, chairman of Alcatel-Alsthom, electronics to transportation company.

Go-ahead for £200m shops centre after nine-year battle

BY CARL MORTISHED

DUMPLINGTON will soon become the last word in large-scale shopping centres in Britain after the Lords yesterday gave the go-ahead for the 1 million sq ft greenfield development west of Manchester.

Shares in Peel Holdings soared yesterday as the developer won its nine-year battle to obtain planning permission for the £200 million Trafford Centre in Dumplington.

Peel has fought off fierce opposition from eight greater Manchester councils, landlords and local retail interests fearful of the impact on trade in town centres. The Trafford Centre is likely to be the last such greenfield development as government policy has switched to support the regeneration of town centres.

Manchester local authorities called the ruling a decision from the past. David Kaiserman, of Manchester planning department and a spokesman for the North West Group, which opposed the Dumplington scheme, said £300 million of revenue could be lost to town centres in the development's catchment area.

"This judgment is a blow to good planning in this region. It renders ineffective everything that John Gummer claims to stand for in relation to policy on out-of-town shopping and, above all, it is harmful to local communities and traders."

Peel said work would start on the project in February. The company said it already had seven potential anchor-tenants interested in the five large sites in the centre.

The Lords decision reversed a ruling by the Court of Appeal last year that Michael Howard, the then Secretary of State, had failed to have sufficient regard for certain planning issues in his 1993 decision to allow the development.

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STOCK MARKET | MICHAEL CLARK

Shares soar to highest levels for over a year

SHARE prices on the London stock market soared to their highest levels for more than a year, with government bonds also posting gains of more than £1.

London took its lead from the overnight surge on Wall Street, which saw the Dow Jones industrial average climb more than 40 points, and further evidence that inflationary pressures were in decline.

The FT-SE 100 index touched a new intra-trading high for the year of 3,334.3 before closing 35.5 up at 3,327.3, its best level for 15 months as New York began scaling record highs in renewed trading.

Investors were cheered by the revised GDP figures showing a slowdown to 3.7 per cent during the first quarter and an encouraging set of figures for US durable goods.

Leading shares were squeezed higher by stock shortages, with **Reed** 22p better at 869p, **Great Universal Stores** up 11p to 595p, and ICI up 10p to 792p. **Cable and Wireless**, which reports today, rose 12p to 427p.

VSEL slipped 8p to £17.75 on profit-taking as the protaganists in the battle for control of the company pondered their next move. Earlier this week, the Government gave **GEC** and **British Aerospace** the go-ahead to renew their bids. Last night, talk in the Square Mile claimed BAe would waste little time in making its move.

BAe, 2p lighter at 535p, said it was evaluating its position after the announcement that VSEL had raised pre-tax profits last year from £61 million to £64.5 million. The terms of BAe's last offer, a mixture of cash and shares worth about £17.50, has risen sharply along with its share price and now stands more than 300p above the all-cash offer from GEC, 1½p lighter at 314p.

Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank that has the subject of intense bid speculation in recent months, tumbled 26p to 664p after a savage profits downgrading by at least one broker. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull has slashed its 1995 forecast by £12 million to £70 million, although its dividend forecast remains unchanged at 23.2p, as does its profit estimates for next year. Strauss said it had made its move because of rising costs and persistent weak income. Meanwhile, the clearing banks were squeezed steadily higher in thin trading. Useful gains were recorded in **Abbey National**, 12½p to 482p, **Barclays**, 7p to 669p, **HSBC**, 5p to 819p, **LLoyds**, 17p to 679p, **National Westminster**, 9p to 552p, **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 8p to 406p, and **Standard Chartered**, 5p to 347p.

The property sector benefited from a better than expected trading performance from **Land Securities**, 25p stronger at 617p. There were also advances for **British Land**, 16p to 403p, **Brixton Estates**, 4p to 188p, **Great Portland**, 7p to 182p, **Hammerson**, 9p to 339p, **Peel Holdings**, 30p to 265p, and **Slough Estates**, 10p to 231p.

The announcement of a 15 per cent rise in sales during the first seven weeks of the current year lifted **Argyll**, the Safeway supermarket chain, 20p to 321p. Pre-tax profits last year were 3 per cent up at £375 million. These were struck before exceptional costs of £195 million relating to "Safeway 2000", its restructuring programme that will result in the loss of almost 5,000 jobs.

Speculation that Argyll was planning to shed jobs was rife in the Square Mile earlier this week. But the company was quick to point out that 'Safeway 2000' would create a further 7,500 jobs over the next two years as another 34 stores were opened.

The news of the sales pick-up also benefited the other supermarket chains, with **J Sainsbury** adding 5p at 437p, **Iceland** 4p to 179p, **Asda** 3p to 84½p, **Kwik Save** 15p to 603p, **Wm Morrison Supermarkets** 4p to 141p, and **Tesco** 8p to 280P.

Bass, which has just been deposed as Britain's biggest brewer by Scottish & Newcastle's acquisition of Courage, celebrated better than expected figures, with a rise of 21p to 582p. Pre-tax profits in the first six months were almost 9 per cent ahead at £263 million.

Better than expected half year figures from **Carlton Communications**, the independent television broadcaster, remained overshadowed by this week's Government proposals about media ownership, leaving the price 15p down at 944p.

Pre-tax profits jumped from £73.4 million to £120.1 million, underpinned by a full six months contribution from Central TV and a positive performance from Carlton.

A rise in the cost of raw materials took its toll on **Courtaulds**. Pre-tax profits in the first six months grew £5 million to £151 million. The shares responded with a rise of 14p to 477p.

Proteus issued an encouraging trading statement to repair some of the damage done to the shares on Tuesday. The group said it was making substantial progress and achieving considerable success in commercial deals with major companies. The shares finished 32p higher at 107p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** The momentum of the past few days was maintained in early trading as prices were again squeezed higher. Prices managed to close near their best of the day after publication of the revised GDP figures.

In the futures pit, the number of contracts completed soared to 93,000 as the June series of the Long Gilt leapt £1¼ to £107 13/16.

Among conventional issues, the longer end of the market enjoyed the best gains as investors continued switching out of shorts.

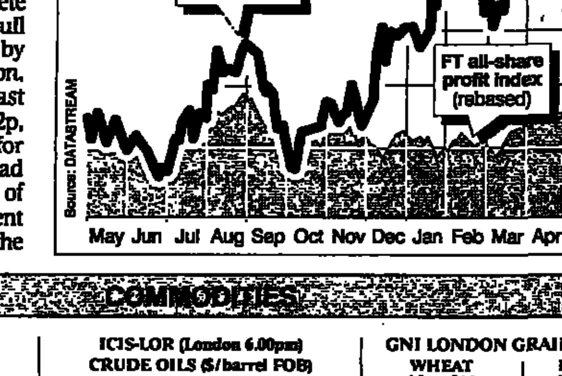
Benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 finished £1 9/16 better at 101 1/32, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 added £11/16 at £101 11/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** US shares were firm, but off their highs in early trading as some investors took profits after the surge in prices over the past two days, analysts said. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 11.75 points to 4,448.19.



Sir Ernest Harrison, of Racal, which stood out with a 12p rise

Racal Electronics rose 12p to 272p after a strong buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing. The broker says Racal is making almost £1 million a week from its 22.5 per cent stake in the National Lottery operator Camelot. Racal's figures should make impressive reading and are likely to revive bid talk.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 4448.19 (+11.75)
S&P Composite .... 530.64 (+2.05)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19970.75 (+54.60)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9258.18 (-44.68)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 430.52 (+3.70)

Sydney:
AO .... 2038.5 (+4.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2105.12 (+24.77)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2172.69 (-8.39)

Brussels:
General .... 7663.82 (+27.23)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1960.67 (-4.64)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 649.30 (+5.00)

London:

FT 30	2517.3 (+27.3)
FT 100	3327.3 (+35.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	3623.5 (+17.8)
FT-SE-A 350	1650.5 (+15.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1363.20 (+10.51)
FT A All-Share	1632.16 (+14.49)
FT Non Financials	1753.74 (+14.64)
FT Fixed Interest	113.10 (+0.27)
FT Govt Secs	94.57 (+0.93)
Bargains	26496
SEAQ Volume	774.2m
USM (Datastrm)	154.97 (+0.53)
US$	1.5740 (+0.0030)
German Mark	2.3650 (+0.0075)
Exchange Index	84.9 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
E:ECU	1.2193
£:SDR	1.0246
RPI	149.0 Apr (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Brit Aero Cap Uts p/p	726	+1
Dumyat IT Cv An Div	105	...
Dumyat IT Month Div	105	...
Edinburgh Japan Tst	101	...
Finsbury World Tst	101	-1
General Cable (190)	170	-3
Gus Carter (80)	95	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc	97	...
Ivory/Sime UK Disc Wts	31	...
Langdons Foods (3)	3½	...
Oryx India	650	...
Oryx India Wts	250	...
Precoat Intl (125)	135	...
Schroder Inc Gth Fund	106	...
Schroder Inc Gth Wts	27	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Prime People n/p (4)	1½	-½
Regal Hotel n/p (35)	¾	...
Scott & New 95 n/p (475)	40	+10½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Barclays	669p (+7p)
Lloyds	679p (+17p)
Nat West	552p (+9p)
Bass	581p (+20p)
Vaux Group	238p (+9p)
Whitbread	588p (+7p)
CRH	399p (+7p)
RMC Group	1108p (+16p)
BOC	785p (+8p)
Guinness	483p (+9p)
ADT	753p (+18p)
Courtaulds	477p (+14p)
ICI	792p (+10p)
Laporte	744p (+12p)
GUS	595p (+11p)
Marks Spencer	421½p (+13p)
Sothebys	840p (+12p)

FALLS:

Schroders	1133p (-7p)
Kleinwort Benson	664p (-26p)
SG Warburg	747p (-7p)
Countryside	82p (-8p)
Waste Mgt Intl	284p (-8p)

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TEMPUS

Carlton's vertical hold

CARLTON'S misfortune was to report its interims the day after the Government's pronouncement on cross-media ownership, so the market was inevitably more focused on where the company is going next than on some decent historical numbers. Some investors are concerned that the group has gone ex-growth, having hit the permissible ceiling on its existing television interests and with only vague plans for satellite and cable.

Expansion in this area will need primary legislation and so must be a good 18 months away, even assuming a friendly government then. Other opportunities must be limited. Rumours of an interest in United Newspapers are apparently wide of the mark. Radio would run into geographical problems, after Tuesday's announcement. Owning the weekday TV franchise in the capital would prevent the purchase of a large station there, while Central would rule out a big Midlands purchase.

The assumption, therefore, must be that Carlton will continue to rest for now on the three main pillars of its TV franchises, the video and audio reproduction side and film processing. The opportunities for further cost-cutting within the TV businesses are limited, but they did manage market share growth in a buoyant market for advertising revenue. Video and audio reproduction undershot some City forecasts because higher raw material prices eroded margins.

The impact of the figures, however, was to send some analysts away marking up their pre-tax forecasts for the full year. Carlton shares, on the more restrained forecasts, now sell on about 15 times forward earnings, but are not far off their high for the year.

Argyll

THERE is no denying that Argyll's prospects are good — the only problem is its rivals are likely to do even better.

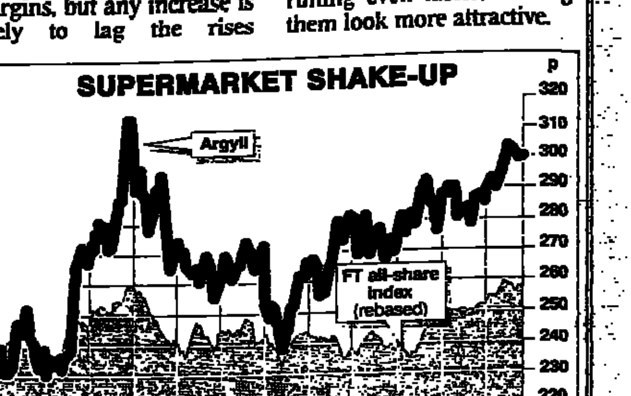
Current trading is better than expected, with a 5 per cent rise in like-for-like sales in the first seven weeks of the current year, while forecast annual cost savings of £60 million is more than double those forecast by the City.

The supermarket group was justly rewarded by a boost to the share price as many stockbrokers shifted the stock off their sell lists.

The group has set a target of lifting Safeway weekly sales per square foot from £12.86 to £15 over the next three years. This requires like-for-like sales to grow at a compound rate of 5 per cent a year over the three years.

This goal is not out of reach, especially if price inflation kicks in, but it may need some sharpening of prices. The market is fairly flat and any advances made by Argyll may spark retaliation from J Sainsbury and Tesco, its bigger rivals.

The increase in sales densities will help operating margins, but any increase is likely to lag the rises achieved by its rivals. Given yesterday's spurt in the share price, Argyll's shares are trading on a prospective p/e of about 13 times, directly in line with Tesco and only marginally behind Sainsbury. But however fast Argyll runs, Sainsbury and Tesco still look capable of runing even faster, making them look more attractive.



Bass

BASS has the financial firepower to expand its beer interests, and the will to do so. Cash generation of £37 million in the first half, against an outflow of £139 million last time, left gearing at 20 per cent, and its interest bill almost eight times covered. The problem is what is available on the market, and what the competition authorities will allow.

If the Courage/S&N merger goes to a lengthy Monopolies Commission reference, the process is merely going to delay what looks like inevitable consolidation in brewing while allowing the likes of Bass time to line up its targets. If it is allowed, the market is open to all comers.

Bass can either look for an abrupt market share rise, by buying into the sickly Carlsberg-Tetley alliance that Allied Domecq would clearly like to be shot of, or pick up a solid regional brewer, perhaps in the South where it is weakest. The interim figures were at the top end of market estimates, and the redrawing of forecasts for the year puts the shares on 13.6 times' this year's earnings.

Bass has been the worst regarded of the big brewers, not least because of its ill-timed purchase of Holiday Inn. Although progress from that business is helping to rehabilitate its image, the uncertainties over brewing will continue to overhang the shares.

Land Secs

LAND Securities scored a *small victory against its* knockers by posting a marginal net asset value gain when most were predicting a fall. The rise in the shares, however, obscures a wider debate. Investors buy Land Securities for two reasons: it is the largest and most reliable property company, having rewarded shareholders with dividend rises through the recession. It is also used as a proxy for direct property investment by smaller pension funds.

Investors seeking better than average performance should think again. Land Securities cannot be criticised for owning over-rented properties, but equally it must pay the price in net asset and dividend growth. Properties let at above market rates are more vulnerable to interest rates because of their bond-like characteristics and the time-lag before a positive rent review will restrict dividend growth to about half the expected market rate.

Land Securities is doing *the right things: investing in* refurbishment of older buildings and buying more retail property, but it has a long tail of older buildings where leases will expire by the turn of the century. These offer opportunities for development, but will carry a cost, as more profit is spent on building work. Land Secs is probably safer than houses, but smaller stocks offer better value.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	945-937	Jul	1037-1036
Jul	953-952	Sep	1049-1048
Sep	972-971	Dec	1069-1068
Dec	993-992	Mar	1090-1080
Mar	1013-1012		
May	1025-1023		Volume: 7041

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	2818-2810	Jan	2840-2830
Jul	2845-2840	Mar	2840-2830
Sep	2840-2838	May	2825-2815
Nov	2839-2835		Volume: 6182

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	290.1-88.3
Spot: 378.5		May	290.6-88.3
Aug	342.5-41.5	Aug	291.6-88.7
Oct	299.0-98.0	Oct	276.1-74.0
Dec	288.6-87.0		Volume: 1909

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	96.39	114.55	121.04
(+/-)	+4.18	-19.32	+0.23
Eng/Wales:	96.51	114.36	119.29
(+/-)	+4.46	-19.56	-0.76
(%)	-3.0	+3.0	-9.0
Scotland:	95.37	121.45	127.46
(+/-)	+1.48	-9.60	+1.69
(%)	+17.0	+69.0	-9.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.55	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.35	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.05	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.60	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.45	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 206 (-4)	O: 208 (-4)
Gasoil EEC	165 (-1)	166 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jun	163 (-1)	164 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	158 (-4)	160 (-3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (n/c)	112 (n/c)
Naphtha	189 (n/c)	191 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jun	160.75-61.00	Sep	159.00-59.25
Jul	157.75-58.00	Oct	161.75-62.00
Aug	157.75-58.00		Vol: 31457

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.32-18.34	Oct	17.70-17.74
Aug	18.05-18.07	Nov	17.61 SLR
Sep	17.84-17.88		Vol: 22225

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	125.80	Sep	105.30
Sep	107.80	Nov	107.25
Nov	108.85	Jan	109.25
Jan	110.90	Mar	111.15
Mar	112.75	May	113.15
Volume: 201		Volume: 19	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	121.0	120.5
May	unq	147.5
Jun	—	—
		Volume: 33

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Jun 117.75-118.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
May 95	2130	2125	2125
Jun 95	1940	1910	1943
Jul 95	1844	1815	1844
Oct 95	1835	1815	1830
Vol: 259 lots		Open Interest: 4565	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2843.0-2844.0	2814.0-2815.0	1366625
Lead ($/tonne)	612.00-613.00	624.50-625.00	125500
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1041.0-1042.0	1066.0-1066.5	281625
Tin ($/tonne)	6040.0-6045.0	5960.0-5962.0	16760
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1811.5-1812.0	1827.5-1828.0	1419925
Nickel ($/tonne)	7560.0-7570.0	7695.0-7700.0	84840

TRADED OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom.	500	45½	56	64	3	7	13½
(*536)	550	13½	25½	34	21	26½	34
Argyll	300	20	25	33	5½	10½	14½
(*318½)	330	3	11	18½	22½	26½	30
ASDA	80	6½	8	10	2	3	4½
(*84)	90	1½	4	5	7½	8½	9½
Boots	500	26½	36½	44½	8½	12½	19
(*523)	550	3½	13	20½	40	41½	46
Br Airways	390	29½	35	42½	5½	11½	16½
(*416)	420	10½	19	27½	19½	26	30½
BP	420	41	48	54½	2½	5½	9
(*455½)	460	12	22½	30	13½	20	24
Br Steel	160	18	20	22	1½	3½	5½
(*177)	180	4	8½	11	9½	12	14½
C & W	420	19	31	39	13½	19½	24
(*427)	460	6½	15	22½	41	44½	47½
CU	550	56½	64	75	4	12	16
(*598)	600	20½	32½	45½	20	31½	36½
ICI	750	55	66	83	6	18	21½
(*792)	800	23	36	54	22½	39	43
Kingfshr	460	19	31	41½	14½	25	29½
(*462)	500	5	14	24	40½	48½	52
Land Sec	600	18½	28	36	16½	21	26½
(*615½)	650	2½	9½	16	56	56½	59
M & S	420	10½	19½	28	14½	17½	21½
(*421½)	460	1½	6	13	47½	47½	49
Nat West	550	21	32	41½	14½	27½	30½
(*551½)	600	4	13½	20½	49½	59½	61
Sainsbury	420	25	35	42½	4	8½	12
(*436)	460	5½	13	22	25	28½	31½
Shell	750	38	50½	62	5½	16	20
(*775½)	800	9½	21½	35½	29	40	44
Smkl Bch.	500	21	32½	44	10	17½	24½
(*506)	550	4	11½	21½	44½	48½	54
Storehse	240	10	16½	20½	7½	11	13½
(*243)	260	2	8	12	21	23½	25
Trafalgar	50	4	7	8½	2½	5	6
(*51)	60	1	3½	5	9½	11	12
Unilever	1200	40½	67	87	16½	27	35½
(*1214)	1250	16½	39½	59½	43½	52	59
Zeneca	900	59½	72	89	11	24½	31
(*936½)	950	25½	43½	61	31½	47	53
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met.	360	35	41	46½	4½	7	11
(*389½)	390	13½	22½	28½	15½	18½	24
Ladbroke	180	11½	16	20	6	9½	11½
(*183)	200	3½	7	11½	18½	21½	23
Utd Bisc	330	18	26	32½	8½	18½	21
(*332½)	360	8	13½	19½	30½	36	38

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	500	14	25½	34½	16	20	29½
(*500½)	550	1	7½	15½	54½	56½	58
Thames W	460	39½	42	46	6	12	18
(*496½)	500	10	18½	25	26½	31½	38
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	460	43	50½	60	10	15½	19½
(*491½)	500	18	28	37½	27½	33½	38
BTR	330	24½	28½	33	5	9½	11½
(*345)	360	8½	13	18	19½	24½	26½
Br Aero	495	58	70½	—	12	18	—
(*535½)	545	28½	42	—	33	39	—
Br Telcm	390	25½	28	30½	9	13	18½
(*406)	420	8½	12½	16	27	30	35
Cadbury	447	32½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*468½)	486	11	—	—	25	—	—
Guinness	460	34½	43	53½	8	11½	15½
(*481½)	500	12½	22	32	26	30	34½
GEC	300	20	23	26	7	10	14
(*314½)	330	4½	8½	12	25½	27½	31
Hanson	220	19½	21½	24	2½	5	7½
(*238)	240	7½	10½	13½	9½	14	16½
LASMO	160	13	19	23	4½	6½	8½
(*166½)	180	4	9½	13½	15½	17½	19
Lucas	180	19½	24	26	3½	8	10
(*194)	200	8	12½	16	12	18	20
Pilkngtn	180	8	13	16½	6	9½	11
(*182½)	200	1½	5	8½	20	22½	23
Prudential	330	21	27½	33½	7½	13½	15
(*338½)	360	7½	13	19	24½	29½	31
Redland	420	38	47½	54½	5	13½	15½
(*446)	460	16	25	33	22	32	37½
R-Royce	180	16	19½	24½	4½	8	10½
(*189)	200	6	9½	14½	15	18½	20½
Tesco	280	12	18½	24½	9½	13	15½
(*280)	300	4	9½	15½	22	24½	26½
Vodafone	200	15½	22	26	6½	9½	12
(*208½)	220	6	12½	16½	17	20	22½
Williams	330	18	22½	29	7½	11	13½
(*336)	360	5	9½	15	25½	29	30½

FT-SE INDEX (*3326½)

	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450
Calls						
Jun	148½	103	64	33½	13½	4½
Jul	170½	132	97	67	44½	27½
Aug	182	144	112	83	59½	40½
Sep	201	166	132	105	79	59½
Dec	249½	—	188½	—	137½	—
Puts						
Jun	5½	11	22½	44	77	124
Jul	18½	29½	45	66	95½	131½
Aug	29½	42½	60½	82	109	142
Sep	39½	54½	72	99½	121½	154
Dec	72	—	109	—	158	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat.	460	26½	36½	46	3	12½	15
(*487½)	500	5½	15	25	22	32	35
Amstrad	220	8	16	21½	6½	11	14½
(*221½)	240	1½	7½	12½	20	23	25½
Barclays	650	28	43½	56½	6½	21	27½
(*668½)	700	5	19	31½	34½	48	53½
Blue Circ	300	10½	20½	26½	6	14	18
(*302½)	330	1½	8½	14	27½	32	35½
Br Gas	280	19½	26½	31	1	4	7½
(*297½)	300	6	13½	19	7	11	16
Dixons	240	10	15	20½	4	10	13½
(*245½)	260	2	6½	11½	16	22½	25
Forte	240	7½	16	21	3½	7½	10½
(*244)	260	0½	6½	11½	16½	19	21
Tarmac	120	7	14½	17	2½	7	9
(*124)	130	2	9½	12½	8	12	14½
Hillsdwn	180	5½	12	16	3	6	9
(*183)	200	0	4	7½	18	18½	21
Lonrho	140	30	22	25	0	1½	3½
(*159)	160	4½	8½	13	4	8½	10½
Sears	100	9½	12	13½	0	1½	2½
(*108½)	110	2½	5½	7½	3	5½	6
Thrn Eml	1200	38	59	76	9	36	46½
(*1224½)	1250	12½	33	52	31½	64	74
Tomkins	240	10½	15½	20½	3½	10½	13
(*246)	260	2	6½	11½	15	22½	24½
TSB	240	14	20	25½	2½	8½	11½
(*250)	260	4	9½	16	12½	19	22
Wellcome	1000	62	67	—	0	1½	—
(*1061½)	1050	12½	25	—	2½	12½	—
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo Well	700	36½	52	60½	11½	28½	35
(*718½)	750	12½	26	36½	38	56½	62½
HSBC	800	46½	68½	87½	21	39	50
(*819)	850	22½	44	62½	47½	64½	75
Reuter	460	36½	48	59½	5	11½	17
(*487)	500	13	24½	37½	22	29	34½
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Royal Ins.	300	34½	40½	47½	3	8	11½
(*329)	330	14	22	29½	13	20	24
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	17	23½	28	1	5	8½
(*179½)	180	4	12	17	8	13	17½
Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastern Gp	600	56½	67½	76½	18	26	33
(*643½)	650	26½	43	51½	42½	51	58
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	460	14	21	30½	12	19	23
(*467)	500	1	7	14½	45	47	49
Scot Pwr	330	11	18	24	5½	15½	19½
(*334½)	360	1	5½	12	26	36	38½

May 24, 1995 Tot: 32978 Calls 19730 Puts 13428 FT-SE Calls 7809 Puts 7676
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 95	3320.0	3351.0	3316.0	3341.0	12348
Previous open interest: 75625	Sep 95	3348.5	3370.0	3340.0	3362.5	980
FT-SE 250	Jun 95	3640.0	3640.0	3640.0	3640.0	2581
Previous open interest: 4018	Sep 95	3665.0	3665.0	3665.0	3665.0	2581
Three Month Sterling	Jun 95	93.16	93.32	93.15	93.26	39448
Previous open interest: 412556	Sep 95	92.78	93.04	92.78	93.00	56668
	Dec 95	92.54	92.79	92.53	92.75	23054
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 95				93.95	0
Previous open interest: 1184	Sep 95				94.14	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 95	95.51	95.54	95.50	95.52	17335
Previous open interest: 657716	Sep 95	95.50	95.54	95.48	95.52	25891
Long Gilt	Jun 95	106-22	108-00	106-20	107-26	93642
Previous open interest: 114687	Sep 95	106-09	107-15	106-09	107-12	19570
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	118.73	119.27	118.73	119.27	447
	Sep 95	117.73	118.30	117.73	118.28	3317
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 95	94.64	95.12	94.63	95.02	151816
Previous open interest: 213096	Sep 95	94.11	94.55	94.09	94.47	13925
Three month ECU	Jun 95	93.75	93.81	93.70	93.77	1693
Previous open interest: 20219	Sep 95	93.75	93.81	93.72	93.80	523
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 95	96.66	96.67	96.64	96.66	2329
Previous open interest: 38694	Sep 95	96.66	96.67	96.61	96.64	4650
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 95	100.25	100.97	100.06	100.74	40461
Previous open interest: 47269	Sep 95	99.80	100.27	99.50	100.18	1704

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 6½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6 9/16; 3 mth 6½. Sell: 2 mth 6 7/16; 3 mth: 6 7/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 1/16-5 15/16	6¼-6 3/16	6½-6 7/16	6½-6 7/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 23/32-6 11/32	6¾-6 7/16	6 25/32-6 23/32	7¼-7 3/16
Interbank:	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 23/32-6 11/32	6½-6 7/16	6 23/32-6 21/32	7¼-7 3/16

Overnight: open 6 1/16, close 6¼.

Local Authority Deps:	6½	n/a	6 7/16	6¾	7 1/16
Sterling CDs:	6 11/32-6 9/32	6 23/32-6 7/32	6½-6½	6¾-6½	7 1/16-6 15/16
Dollar CDs:	5.98	n/a	6.01	6.05	6.12
Building Society CDs:	6 9/16-6 9/32	6½-6 7/16	6½-6¼	6¾-6½	7 1/16-6 15/16

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87 %. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	6 1/16-5 15/16	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4½-4¼	4½-4 7/16	4½-4⅜	4 9/16-4 7/16	5-4
French Franc:	7 15/16-7 11/16	7 11/16-7 7/16	7 9/16-7 11/16	7-6¾	8½-6½
Swiss Franc:	3 5/16-3 3/16	3⅜-3 3/16	3 5/16-3 3/16	3½-3⅜	3¼-2¾
Yen:	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1 5/16	1⅜-1¼	1⅜-1¼	1¼-1

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.10-383.50 Close: $383.70-384.20 High: $383.70-384.20
Low: $381.95-392.45 AM: $382.90 PM: $383.10

Krugerrand: $385.00-387.00 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $431.90 (£275.35) Silver: $5.53 (£3.505) Palladium: $158.50 (£100.75)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for May 24	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5367-2.5439	2.5404-2.5439	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr
Brussels	46.610-46.760	46.660-46.760	8-3pr	20-14pr
Copenhagen	8.8600-8.8820	8.8600-8.8760	¼-½ds	¼-1ds
Dublin	0.9808-0.9841	0.9809-0.9835	par-4ds	1-7ds
Frankfurt	2.2666-2.2725	2.2688-2.2721	½-¼pr	1¼-1⅛pr
Lisbon	238.40-241.19	240.56-241.19	n/a	n/a
Madrid	197.12-199.30	197.12-197.42	50-60ds	149-167ds
Milan	2630.20-2677.50	2630.20-2639.90	9-11ds	27-29ds
Montreal	2.1383-2.1522	2.1491-2.1522	0.22-0.30ds	0.34-0.46ds
New York	1.5686-1.5764	1.5754-1.5764	0.03pr-par	0.19-0.15pr
Oslo	10.084-10.123	10.084-10.100	¼-¼pr	2¼-1¾pr
Paris	8.0590-8.0840	8.0600-8.0740	1-1¼ds	1¾-2½ds
Stockholm	11.622-11.656	11.627-11.652	¾-¼ds	5¾-7½ds
Tokyo	136.95-137.70	137.45-137.70	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	15.93-15.99	15.95-15.99	2¾-1¼pr	8½-6½pr
Zurich	1.8882-1.8941	1.8904-1.8934	¾-½pr	1½-1¼pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3937-1.3947
Austria	10.12-10.13
Belgium (Com)	29.61-29.62
Canada	1.3642-1.3647
Denmark	5.6220-5.6270
France	5.1135-5.1155
Germany	1.4400-1.4405
Hong Kong	7.7350-7.7360
Ireland	1.6007-1.6042
Italy	1684.00-1684.52
Japan	87.20-87.27
Malaysia	2.4618-2.4628
Netherlands	1.6115-1.6125
Norway	6.4090-6.4140
Portugal	151.25-151.35
Singapore	1.3930-1.3940
Spain	125.16-125.31
Sweden	7.3922-7.3997
Switzerland	1.1993-1.2003

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5744-1.5770
Australia dollar	2.1943-2.1973
Bahrain dinar	0.5855-0.5975
Brazil real*	1.3988-1.4029
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7070-0.7170
Finland markka	6.8575-6.9735
Greece drachma	363.75-370.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.1826-12.1919
India rupee	48.80-49.76
Indonesia rupiah	3464.00-3532.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4630-0.4730
Malaysia ringgit	3.8773-3.8814
New Zealand dollar	2.3892-2.3925
Pakistan rupee	48.63 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8225-5.9485
Singapore dollar	2.1926-2.1956
S Africa rand (com)	5.7540-5.8560
U A E dirham	5.7000-5.8240

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	868	Legal & Gn	565
ASDA Gp	6,800	Lloyds Bk	2,100
Abbey Natl	3,200	MEPC	3,500
Alld Dom	3,100	Marks Spr	5,500
Argyll Gp	20,000	NatWst Bk	6,500
Arjo Wiggn	1,300	Nat Power	1,300
AB Foods	78	Nth Wst W	1,500
BAA	986	P & O	1,000
BAT Inds	4,100	Pearson	1,400
BOC	879	PowerGen	1,200
BP	16,000	Prudential	2,600
BTR	7,200	RMC	532
BT	8,500	RTZ	2,500
Bk of Scot	2,800	Rank Org	2,900
Barclays	2,500	Reckitt Col	1,200
Bass	2,700	Redland	4,100
Blue Circle	2,500	Reed Intl	1,400
Boots	4,900	Rentokil	2,600
Bowater	520	Reuters	3,300
Brit Aero	2,200	Rolls Royce	4,800
Brit Airwys	2,300	Ryl Ins	3,700
Brit Gas	6,600	Ryl Bk Scot	13,000
Brit Steel	7,000	Sainsbury	2,300
Burmah Cstl	338	Schroders	486
Cable Wire	9,500	Scot & New	2,800
Cadbury	2,200	Scot Power	521
Caradon	2,800	Sears	12,000
Carlton Cms	4,600	Svrn Trent	1,200
Cm Union	1,300	Shell Trans	4,400
Courtaulds	2,700	Siebe	934
De La Rue	768	SmKl Bch	2,700
Eastern Elec	193	Smith Nph	1,400
Enterpr Oil	800	Sthern Elec	157
Forte	2,200	Std Chartd	5,100
GKN	1,900	Sun Allnce	1,500
GRE	1,500	TI Gp	864
GUS	2,200	TSB	3,000
Gen Acc	1,000	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Gen Elec	7,000	Tesco	7,100
Glaxo Well	6,000	Thames W	1,900
Granada	1,400	Thrn EMI	1,400
Grand Met	5,300	Tomkins	9,000
Guinness	3,800	Unilever	1,100
HSBC	2,600	Utd Bisc	1,800
Hanson	19,000	Vodafone	8,700
ICI	2,500	Warburg	681
Inchcape	1,300	Whitbread	2,300
Kingfisher	1,300	Wlms Hld	5,900
Ladbroke	2,400	Wolseley	1,100
Land Secs	3,900	Zeneca	989

WALL STREET

	May 24 midday	May 23 close
AMP Inc	42¾	42¾
AMR Corp	67½	69¼
AT & T	50⅛	49¾
Abbott Labs	39⅛	38⅝
Advanced Micro	35¼	35⅝
Aetna Life	60⅛	59⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	23⅛	22⅝
Air Prod & Chem	51⅛	52⅝
Albertson's	29⅛	28⅝
Alcan Aluminm	29¼	29¼
Alco Standard	73⅛	70⅝
Allied Signal	41⅛	40⅝
Alum Co of Am	48¼	48⅝
Amax Gold Inc	5¼	5
Amerada Hess	51⅛	51⅛
Amer Brands	40¼	40⅝
Amer El Power	32¼	32⅝
Amer Express	35⅛	35⅝
Amer Genl Corp	33¼	33⅝
Amer Home Pr	76½	75¼
Amer Intl	115¼	113⅛
Amer Stores	26⅛	25¼
Ameritech	43⅛	43¼
Amoco	67	67
Anheuser-Busch	58¼	58¼
Apple Computer	43⅛	43¼
Archer Daniels	18¼	18⅛
Armco	6¼	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	50½	50⅛
Asarco	28¼	28⅛
Ashland Oil	37⅛	36¼
Atl Richfield	114⅛	114½
Auto Data Pro	61⅛	61⅛
Avery Dennison	42⅛	43¼
Avon Products	65¼	64¼
Baker Hughes	22⅛	23⅛
Baltim Gas & El	24½	24½
Banc One	34¼	34
BankAmerica	52	51½
Bank of NY	40¼	39¼
Bankers Tr NY	61⅛	60¼
Barnett Banks	49⅛	49⅛
Bausch & Lomb	40¼	40¼
Baxter Intl	34½	34
Bectn Dickinsn	58	57⅛
Bell Atlantic	54	54¼
Bell Industries	20¼	20⅛
BellSouth	60⅝	61⅛
Black & Decker	32	32½
Block (H&R)	37¼	38
Boeing	58⅝	57
Boise Cascade	35¼	35⅛
Bristol Myrs Sq	65¼	65
Browning Ferris	36⅛	36
Brunswick	19⅛	18¼
Burlington Nthn	58¼	58¼
CBS	64¼	64
CNA Financial	84	83¼
CPC Intl	58⅛	57¼
CSX	76¼	76⅝
Campbell Soup	47⅛	48
Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅛
Cpd Cities ABC	94⅛	94⅛
Carolina Pwr	28⅛	28⅝
Caterpillar	60⅝	60¼
Central & SW	24⅛	24½
Champion Intl	47½	47¼
Chase Manhat	47⅛	47¼
Chemical Bk	46⅝	47⅛
Chevron Corp	48¼	48⅝
Chrysler	41¼	42⅝
Chubb Corp	83	82⅝
Cigna Corp	74¼	73⅝
Citicorp	52¼	51⅛
Clorox	57¼	57⅛
Coastal Corp	31⅛	31⅛
Coca Cola	59⅝	59⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	72¼	72⅛
Columbia Gas	30	29¼
Compaq Comp	41⅛	41¼
Comp Ass Int	66⅝	66¼
Conagra	32¼	32¼
Conrail	53⅛	53⅛
Cons Edison	28¼	28
Cons Nat Gas	39⅛	39⅛
Cooper Inds	38¼	38
Corning Inc	32¼	32⅛
Crown Cork	46½	47¼
Dana Corp	28	28
Dayton Hudson	70	69¼
Deere	87	86⅝
Delta Air Lines	64⅝	65¼
Deluxe Corp	31	31
Detroit Edison	28¼	28⅝
Digital Equip	48¼	49¼
Dillard Dept St	27½	27¼
Disney (Walt)	55⅛	55⅛
Dominion Res	37⅛	37¼
Donelley (RR)	36⅛	36¼
Dover Corp	66½	66⅝
Dow Chemical	73½	73¼
Dow Jones	35⅛	36¼
Dresser	23	23
Duke Power	40⅛	40⅛
Dun & Brdstreet	54⅝	54¼
Du Pont	68⅝	68⅝
Eastman Kodak	61⅛	60¼
Eaton Corp	59⅝	60¼
Emerson Elec	68⅝	68⅝
Engelhard Corp	41⅛	41¼

	May 24 midday	May 23 close
Enron Corp	36¼	36½
Entergy	22⅝	22⅝
Ethyl Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Exxon	71⅛	71
FMC Corp	64¼	64½
FPL Group	37¼	37
Federal Express	60¼	61¼
Fed Nat Mtge	93⅛	92⅝
First Chicago	58⅝	57¼
First Interstate	84¼	84⅛
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	34¼	34¼
Fluor Corp	52¼	52
Ford Motor	28⅛	29½
GTE Corp	32¼	32⅛
Gannett	53	52⅝
Gap Inc Del	34¼	33¼
Gen Dynamics	43¼	43⅛
Gen Electric	57¼	57⅛
Gen Mills	60⅝	59⅝
Gen Motors	46⅝	47⅛
Gen Reinsurance	134¼	133⅛
Gen Signal	37	37
Genuine Parts	38¼	38¼
Georgia Pac	79	79⅛
Gillette	85¼	84¼
Glaxo Wellc ADR	22⅛	22½
Goodrich (BF)	49⅝	49
Goodyear Tire	41	40¼
Grace (W&R)	62⅝	63
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24⅛	24¼
Great Wstn Fin	22	21¼
Halliburton	39	38⅝
Harcourt General	40¼	40⅛
Heinz (HJ)	43¼	43⅛
Hercules	52	51⅛
Hershey Foods	51⅛	50¼
Hewlett Packard	71¼	70¼
Hilton Hotels	69⅝	69
Home Depot	42¼	41¼
Homestake Mng	16⅛	16¼
Honeywell	39	39⅝
Household Intl	48¼	48⅝
Houston Inds	41⅛	41
Humana	21¼	21¼
ITT Corp	111⅛	111¼
Illinois Tool	50¼	50⅝
Illinova	23¼	23⅛
INCO	26⅛	25⅝
Ingersoll Rand	37¼	38⅛
Inland Steel	28½	28¼
Intel Corp	118⅝	116⅛
IBM	97	97
Intl Flav & Fr	49¼	49⅛
Intl Paper	80¼	81¼
James River Va	26½	26
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	65¼	64¼
Kellogg	66⅛	65⅛
Kerr-McGee	54¼	53⅛
Kimberly-Clark	58¼	58¼
Kmart	12¼	12⅝
Knight-Ridder	54¼	54¼
Lilly (Eli)	74	73
Limited Inc	22⅛	22⅛
LIN Brdcstng	124¼	123⅛
Lincoln Nat	43¼	43¼
Litton	36⅛	36½
Liz Claiborne	18⅛	18⅛
Lockheed Martin	59	57⅛
Louisiana Pac	26¼	27¼
MCI Comm	20⅛	20½
Marriott Int	35⅛	35⅛
Marsh & McLnn	79⅛	79⅛
Masco Corp	28⅛	28¼
May Dept St	39¼	38⅛
Maytag Corp	15¼	16
McDonalds	36¼	36⅛
McDonnell D	71⅛	71⅛
McGraw Hill	73½	73⅛
Mead Corp	53¼	53⅝
Medtronic	77⅛	79½
Mellon Bk	43⅛	42¼
Melville Corp	38½	39⅛
Merck Inc	44	42⅛
Merrill Lynch	47¼	46¼
Minnesota Mine	59¼	59¼
Mobil Corp	100¼	101⅛
Monsanto	81⅛	81¼
Morgan (JP)	69¼	69¼
Motorola Inc	62⅛	62
Natl Semi	27½	27¼
Natl Service Ind	28⅛	28½
Navistar Int	15½	15⅛
NBD Bancorp	31¼	32¼
NY Times A	23⅛	23⅛
Newmont Mng	42	41¼
Niag Mohawk	14⅛	14
Nike B	79½	80½
NL Industries	14¼	14⅛
Noram Energy	6⅛	6¼
Nordstrom	39⅛	39⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	65¼	65¼
Nthn State Pwr	45¼	44¼
Norwest Corp	28	28¼
Nynex Corp	40	40¼
Occidental Pet	23½	23⅛
Ohio Edison	20½	20⅛
Oracle Systems	36½	34⅛
Oryx Energy Co	14¼	13¼
Owens Corning	37½	37¼

	May 24 midday	May 23 close
PPG Industries	40⅛	39½
PNC Bank	27	26¼
Paccar Inc	48⅛	48⅛
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	24½	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	26⅝	27
Pac Telesis	26⅛	26⅛
Pall Corp	22⅛	22⅝
Panhandle East	25	25
Parker Hannifin	54⅛	54⅛
Peco Energy	26⅛	26⅛
Penney (JC)	45	45⅛
Pennzoil	49⅛	50¼
Pepsico	46⅛	45½
Pfizer	84¼	84⅛
Phelps Dodge	55	54⅝
Philip Morris	71⅛	70¼
Phillips Pet	37	36⅛
Pitney Bowes	37	36⅛
Polaroid	37⅛	37⅛
PriceCostco	14	13⅛
Procter & Gmbl	69⅛	69⅛
Providian	35⅛	35⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28⅛	28⅛
Quaker Oats	34¼	34
Ralston Purina	48⅛	48½
Raychem Corp	34¼	35⅛
Raytheon	75⅛	75½
Reebok Intl	33⅛	33⅛
Reynolds Metals	50⅛	50⅛
Roadway Srvcs	45	45⅛
Rockwell Intl	46⅛	45⅛
Rohm & Haas	59¼	59⅛
Royal Dutch	124¼	123⅛
Rubbermaid	29⅛	29⅛
SBC Comms	43⅛	43⅛
Safeco Corp	57⅛	57⅛
St Paul's Cos	49¼	48⅛
Salomon Inc	40⅛	40⅝
Santa Fe Pac	23⅛	12⅝
Sara Lee Corp	27⅛	27
Seecorp	16⅛	16⅛
Schering Plough	77⅛	76⅛
Schlumberger	64⅛	65⅛
Scott Paper	44	43⅛
Seagram	28⅛	29⅛
Sears Roebuck	56⅛	56½
Shell Trans	74	73
Sherwin Wlms	36½	36⅛
Skyline Corp	18	18⅛
Snap-On-Tools	35⅛	36⅛
Southern Co	21	20⅛
Sprint Corp	32¼	33⅛
Stanley Works	40⅛	39⅛
Sun Company	32⅛	32
Sun Microsys	50	49½
Suntrust	57½	57⅛
Supervalu	27⅛	27⅛
Sysco Corp	27⅛	27⅛
TRW Inc	76⅛	76⅛
TCC Inds	2⅛	2⅛
Tandem Comp	14⅛	14⅛
Tandy Corp	47⅛	47½
Teledyne	24½	24⅛
Temple Inland	45	45
Tenet Healthcare	16⅛	16½
Tenneco	47⅛	47
Texaco	68⅛	68
Texas Inst	125⅛	124
Texas Utilities	33⅛	33¼
Textron	58⅛	59⅛
Time Warner	39	39⅛
Times-Mirror A	22⅛	22¼
Timken	43⅛	43¼
Torchmark	40⅛	40⅛
Toys R Us	25	25⅛
Transamerica	57⅛	57⅛
Travelers	42⅛	42¼
Tribune	59⅛	59⅛
Tyco Labs	55⅛	55
UST Inc	29⅛	29
UAL	115⅛	118⅛
USX Marathon	19⅛	19⅛
Unicom	26⅛	26⅛
Unilever NV	125⅛	122⅛
Union Camp	52⅛	52
Union Carbide	30⅛	30⅛
Union Pacific	54⅛	55
Unisys Corp	11	10⅛
USAIR Group	9	8⅛
USF&G Corp	16⅛	16⅛
US Life	38⅛	38⅛
US West	40	40⅛
United Tech	75⅛	75
Unocal Corp	29⅛	29½
Upjohn	35¼	35⅛
VF Corp	52⅛	52⅛
WMX Tech	28	28
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅛	24⅛
Warner-Lambert	79⅛	79⅛
Wells Fargo	177⅛	178⅛
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	43⅛	43½
Whirlpool	56	55
Whitman	17⅛	18
Winn Dixie	55½	55⅛
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44⅛	49⅛
Xerox	119⅛	118⅛
Yellow Corp	19⅛	19⅛

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Norman puts Brown in shade

SHAREHOLDERS at today's annual meeting at 30 Farrington Street of BNB Resources, the accountancy training and recruitment group, should ask David Norman, chairman and chief executive, if he preaches "do as I say, not as I do" to the impressionable young number-crunchers he counts among his clientele. Apart from his Cadbury-defying title, Norman, according to BNB's report and accounts, was paid a total of £679,000 in 1994, a 40 per cent increase over the previous year. Not bad for a business that made pre-tax profits of £3.6 million. It makes Cedric Brown on £475,000 at British Gas, where latest pre-tax profits were £1.4 billion, look like a bargain.

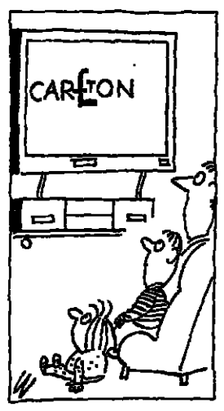
RUPERT Pennant-Rea was earning a performance bonus at the Bank of England before his unscheduled departure. But snout-in-trough hunters will be disappointed. The Bank of England accounts reveal that bonuses to the deputy and four executive directors totalled a modest £25,000 in 1994-95.

On the run

IF YOU'VE always wanted to see lawyers on the run, your chance has arrived. Wigs and robes are being swapped for shorts and trainers today for the fifth annual fund-raising Wilde Sapte City of London road race, a highlight of National Law Week, raising funds for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Loyalty test

THE Lord Tebbit test of loyalty will be applied at Robert Fleming Securities today. The firm and two of its subsidiaries, Fleming Martin and Ord Minnett, have invited 120 clients to the London Rugby Club at 2.30 pm to watch the opening game between South Africa and Australia in the Rugby World Cup series. Therein lies the quandary. Fleming Martin is half South African. Ord Minnett is Australian.



Basic rules

DAVID WHITLOCK, who holds an important job in the City, is in Hong Kong where he has been vigorously waving the flag for the City. He is attending a rather important symposium that has attracted 450 delegates. He told them "the City goes for first-class, quality service", adding that he pays for people to make unannounced audits to make sure everything is up to standard. He declared: "We want our attendants to be a guide, an assistant, a welfare officer and a diplomat — all of that." Whitlock's job title is: assistant director, wastes collections and public conveniences, for the Corporation of London.

YOU'VE heard of golden days. Now comes golden letters. The World Gold Council is pleased at its success in the Gulf in marketing the "wonder alphabet" — a chain of all 26 letters of the alphabet, fashioned in 18-carat gold. They are selling like hot cakes at $300 a time.

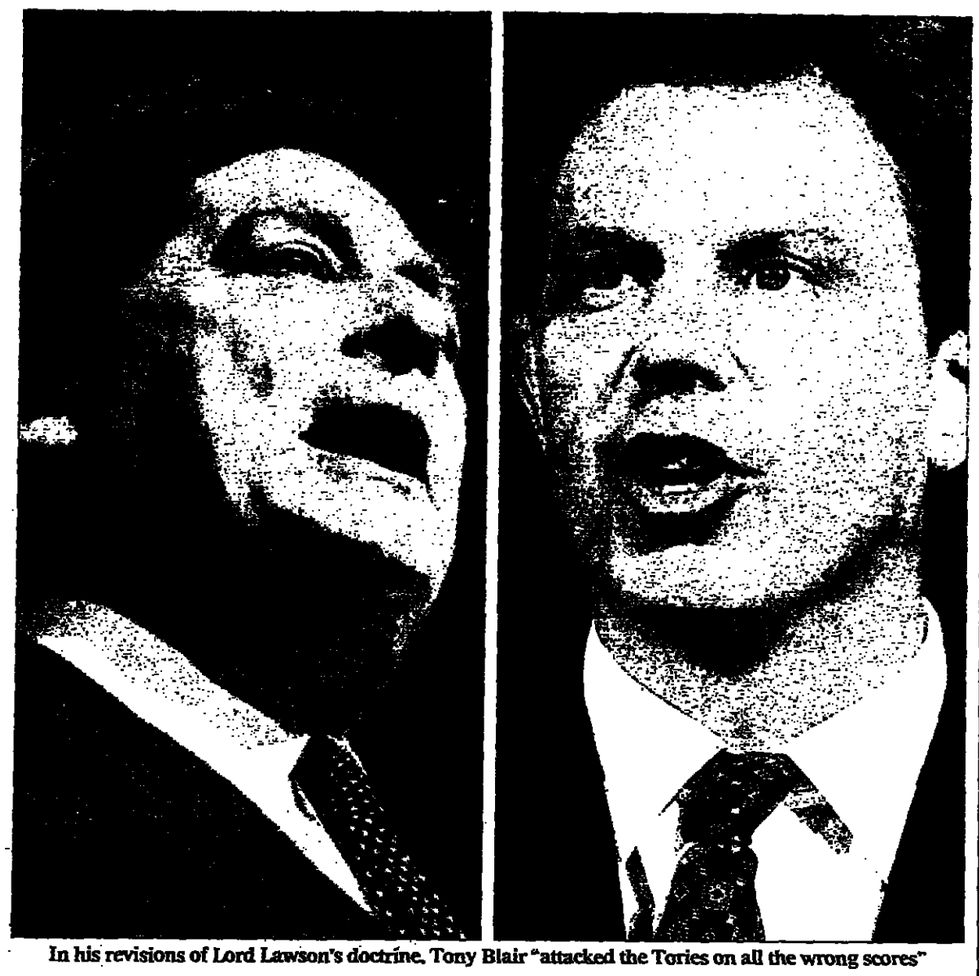
COLIN CAMPBELL

ECONOMIC VIEW — ANATOLE KALETSKY



Labour should be grateful for Major's 1992 victory

Have Tony Blair and his colleagues fallen uncritically for the quasi-religious monetarist dogma of the 1980s?



In his revisions of Lord Lawson's doctrine, Tony Blair "attacked the Tories on all the wrong scores"

Everybody agrees that the Labour Party today has the best leader in its entire history. But the question brought to mind by this week's groundbreaking Mais Lecture is whether that great leader is Tony Blair or John Major.

Let me explain by considering at some length the unsung service Mr Major has rendered to Labour. Looking back on the last few years with historical hindsight, it is clear that for all Mr Blair's undoubted accomplishments, Mr Major is the one who has proved to be Labour's greatest political asset. Mr Major's innumerable blunders and own goals are familiar enough to need no elaboration. But his biggest service to Labour has never been mentioned before, as far as I know. Appropriately enough, the achievement that clinches Mr Major's place as the Labour Party's saviour is the one of which the Prime Minister himself is most proud.

By winning the 1992 general election against the odds, Mr Major saved Labour from what would certainly have been the terminal catastrophe in its 50-year decline. Knowing what we now know about the state of the British economy in the ERM period, imagine what would have happened if Neil Kinnock had won in 1992.

The pound would have been devalued as ignominiously as it was on Black Wednesday, but only after an even more titanic struggle, with interest rates soaring not to 15, but to 30, 40 or 100 per cent. Mr Major, whose devotion to parliamentary management at the expense of any long-range vision marks him out as a far better Leader of the Opposition than Prime Minister, would have denounced the devaluation as a national humiliation and an economic disaster. This disgrace would certainly have been averted if the Tories had remained in power, he would claim. The electorate, the media and even the Labour Party itself — not having the benefit of counterfactual historic insight — would undoubtedly have believed him. Labour would have been tarred forever as the party of devaluation: in 1967, in 1976 and again in 1992.

The financial nightmare would have confirmed the Labour left's most paranoid fears about world capitalism and free markets. The new government's first order of business after devaluation would have been to impose new financial regulations and "temporary" exchange controls. The "inevitable" inflationary consequences of any devaluation, so confidently predicted by the Treasury, the Bank of England and the entire economic establishment just before Black Wednesday, would have provoked immediate demands for higher wages from public sector unions and would have been answered by the only obvious emergency response: an incomes policy and a social contract.

Mr Kinnock's Euro-enthusiasm, combined with the collapse in its self-confidence, would have ruled out the option of simply leaving the ERM. Instead, Labour would have redoubled its efforts to defend the new ERM parity which would have been agreed with European partners and would therefore inevitably remain overvalued, to the benefit of Britain's industrial competitors in Germany and France. Interest rates would have risen instead of falling sharply immediately after the devaluation. Public spending and inflation would have soared. In sum, the devaluation would have been transformed into exactly the economic disaster predicted by the establishment, instead of the liberation it turned out to be.

Now consider the political fallout. If Labour had won in 1992, it would have been with a tiny majority. With the economy collapsing around its ears, the Labour government would have been out of office in months. The generation of young voters who had never known Labour government would have learnt their lesson. Labour would be discredited forever, even as an opposition. John Major would have attained the pinnacle of Lady Thatcher's ambition: he would have turned Britain into a one-party state.

> Monetary and fiscal policy, like every other important policy, is all about balancing risks

Let me now explain my reasons for this long excursion into pseudo-history. A Labour government courts disaster when it tries to outdo the Tories in sticking to a deflationary policy, such as "defence" of the pound. Of course, Labour also courts disaster if it expands the economy too fast or allows too much inflation.

The essence of rational economic policymaking is constantly to balance and rebalance the risks of inflation against the risks of recession and unemployment. No politician or central banker will ever publicly say he is "taking risks with inflation". But this is simply a lie. The only way to avoid taking risks with inflation would be to raise real interest rates to 20 per cent and keep them there forever. In the real world, monetary and fiscal policy, like every other important policy, is all about balancing risks. It is the fate of politicians (and that includes central bankers) to tread a fine line between potentially undesirable outcomes.

The terrifying implication of Monday's Mais Lecture is that Mr Blair seems not to understand this. Instead of the cautious empiricism of the macroeconomic fine-tuning performed so successfuly in the past few years by the Treasury and the US Federal Reserve Board, Mr Blair and his entourage seem to have fallen uncritically for the quasi-religious monetarist dogma that dominated British policymaking in the 16 years up to 1992.

Most of his Mais Lecture on Monday was devoted to a long and amazingly flattering discussion of the 1984 Mais Lecture delivered by Nigel Lawson. This was the celebrated occasion when the ex-Chancellor announced his "discovery" that economic policy could be "divided into two branches" — monetary and fiscal policy on the one hand, and microeconomic policy, such as labour market and industrial regulation, on the other. Lord Lawson then proclaimed that each of these branches of policy must be "assigned" to one objective: macroeconomic policy, which had previously been designed to balance the risks of inflation and unemployment, must be used solely to control inflation; microeconomic economic policies could then be directed at unemployment, all of which was henceforth to be attributed entirely to failures of economic structure, rather than inadequate demand.

This Lawson theory, far from "challenging conventional wisdom head-on", as the ex-Chancellor insisted, was actually the crudest possible restatement of the pre-Keynesian conventional wisdom that had produced the wild instability of pre-war days. This theory was also comprehensively disproved by experience. Inflation, supposed to be influenced solely by macroeconomics, fell decisively, despite a long succession of monetary failures. Unemployment, which was supposedly affected only by structural policies, climbed relentlessly, despite a successful programme of microeconomic reforms.

Mr Blair claimed in his Mais Lecture that it was now his turn to upset the conventional wisdom of Lord Lawson. But when it came to the substance of his revisions of the Lawson doctrine, he attacked the Tories on all the wrong scores. The Tories' structural policies had been inadequate, although Mr Blair fails to spell out in detail what he would put in their place. His main attack is reserved for the macroeconomic blunders made by Mrs Thatcher and Mr Major — both notorious softees in his view.

Instead of sticking to their monetary targets regardless of the state of the economy, or defending some arbitrary exchange rate, the Tories "changed the policy regime whenever it was convenient. Too much flexibility became a liability and policy lost its credibility with the markets", says Mr Blair.

A Labour government would be made of sterner stuff. If Mr Blair is taken at his word, Britain really would have remained in the ERM in 1992 — and interest rates would be 20 per cent.

Sweet revenge for minister who walked

Ross Tieman looks at how, nine years on, Heseltine has finally had his way

Michael Heseltine now has his revenge. Nine years ago, he resigned melodramatically from the post of Defence Secretary after failing to secure the future of Westland, the Yeovil helicopter maker, as part of a European consortium.

But in the past nine months, as President of the Board of Trade, he has effectively reversed the free-market, damn-the-consequences procurement policies of Margaret Thatcher's administration.

First, at the back end of last year, came the decision to procure transport planes for the Royal Air Force from the European Future Large Aircraft programme, provided appropriate commercial conditions are met.

Next, in March, the Ministry of Defence ordered 22 transport helicopters from Westland, even though they cost more than the American Chinook machines that the services preferred.

Now Mr Heseltine has rejected the advice of members of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, who recommended by a 6-4 majority that he refuse to allow the General Electric Company to bid for VSEL, the Barrow warship builder.

> Cost over-runs on programmes are evidence of a failed approach

The cumulative impact of these decisions is enormous. In the space of nine months, Britain has switched from a devil-may-care defence procurement strategy to one in which the preservation and development of national capabilities in selected technologies takes precedence.

Britain is no longer trying to bankrupt its defence industry by spreading declining numbers of contracts between suppliers who struggle to meet the cost of maintaining their facilities on inadequate volumes.

With the support of the Defence Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, and Roger Freeman, the Procurement Minister, Mr Heseltine has clearly signalled his desire for a new phase of consolidation to improve the industry's economies of scale.

In many ways, this policy shift is in response to the rising cost, and complexity of programmes which nation states can no longer afford to develop alone.

The appalling cost overruns identified by the National Audit Office yesterday on many leading defence programmes are evidence of an approach that failed.

The MoD's response has been to hand over much more responsibility to a single private sector bidder — the prime contractor — and attach penalties for any failure in performance.

To shoulder the risk, prime contractors need deep pockets and a broad spread of programmes.

VSEL wants to be taken over by either GEC or British Aerospace because it needs support to take on the risks associated with the £3.5 billion prime contract to build five new Trafalgar nuclear-powered submarines.

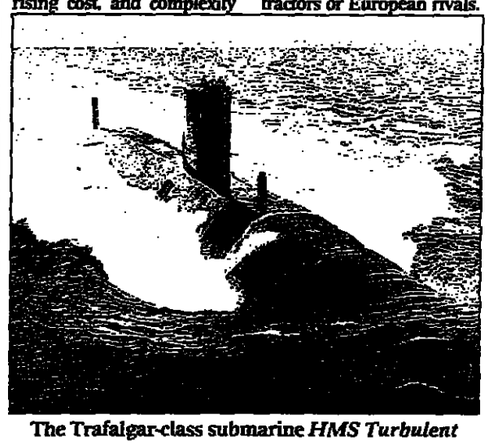
Even with £411 million saved, more than 10 per cent of contract value, VSEL says it would be over-exposed if it took on the job alone.

Similar pressures are having a comparable impact in the United States, and in continental Europe. France, Britain and Germany, as well as the United States, are concluding that in some areas — notably aircraft, missiles, satellites, armoured vehicles and now ships — they must collaborate to achieve programmes at acceptable costs.

In Europe, at least, national champions are giving way to pan-national champions. A switch to single-sourcing of major sub-assemblies will ensure that any country that interferes with supplies to a collaborator risks instant retaliation.

Mr Heseltine was ahead of his time, but the day of the European consortium has now dawned. Policies that encourage consolidation will also promote convergence.

His challenge now is to develop effective competition to supply systems and assemblies within the prime contract — competition in which British suppliers are not disadvantaged by vertically integrated prime contractors or European rivals.



The Trafalgar-class submarine *HMS Turbulent*

BUSINESS LETTERS

Continuity, change and costs in financial regulation

From the Chief Executive of Imro

Sir, Martin Owen (Business Letters, May 23) rightly raised the question of the cost of instability and loss of continuity that further changes in financial regulations may entail.

We in the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) are very aware of the costs that have been generated in getting regulation of the investment management industry to its current state, and do not wish to do anything to increase those costs unless there is a clear benefit to investor protection. However, it should be acknowledged that the recent debate has been instigated not by Imro or the SFA but by the Labour Party, which identifies a general dissatisfaction with the success rate of regulators, a concern over perceptions of self-interest in the current system, and a lack of accountability.

Much of what Imro has been doing in the last two years is aimed at addressing these matters, and it is important that they are addressed if investors are to have confidence in the financial services industry, and are to have the confidence to invest for their future security.

This need not mean change to the way regulation affects firms and individuals, nor will it mean dispensing with the accumulated experience of the last few years. However, it could well mean a re-division of responsibilities within the current structure to remove duplication and to improve accountability. We should not be afraid of that.

Yours faithfully,
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Expecting a crowd

From Mr Abby J. Dharamsey

Sir, It was rather amusing to receive on May 23, a notification, dated May 18, of a change of venue for this year's annual meeting of British Gas Plc to be held on May 31.

In anticipation of "additional" shareholder interest, the original venue of Barbican Centre, which would have "enabled us to accommodate five times as many shareholders as attended last year's AGM" was considered inadequate. As a result, the massive London Arena (used for Boxing promotions and pop concerts) in London's Docklands has been hired.

One wonders whether the costs of cancellation in respect of the original venue and, procuring the new one will be met by the board of directors of the company from the exorbitant and ludicrous pay increases and incentives that were approved for them by their nominated non-executive directors. Perhaps Richard Giordano, the chairman of British Gas, will allow the shareholders to put a motion and debate this matter under "any other company business" and allow a vote to be taken from the attending members on a simple majority basis!

Yours faithfully,
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Taking gas to rural areas

From P. A. J. Tarrant

Sir, I read the article by Ross Tieman on rural gasification in Ingham, West Suffolk, (May 19) with a mixture of sadness and anger. Dare I say, in the good old days, under the chairmanship of Bob Evans, we were given a directive from him to extend the gas system.

From this sprang our district rural gasification team. This consisted of an engineer, myself, plus assistant, and a colleague from the marketing department with an assistant and clerk. We were given the task of taking gas to areas outside the existing customer base.

Before you look at any scheme, you have to ascertain that there is sufficient spare capacity in the area to be served without crippling any project with a prohibitively expensive reinforcement scheme.

My part of the team obtained maps, updated them, designed and costed the mains system, including the connection to properties. My marketing colleague would survey the properties and count all the houses, schools, businesses and from this assess the usage of gas per property in therms from which we could estimate the future income for British Gas. From this calculation we were able to arrive at a figure called the maximum permitted outlay (MPO) which was British Gas's contribution to the cost of all mains and services.

After I had designed and costed the project, the MPO would be deducted. The remainder was then divided by 70 per cent of the total properties and a contribution calculated. The contributions varied between £20 and £600, but most big schemes (around 800-plus properties) averaged about £360. Every household, business etc was sent a quotation and if 25 per cent of the total properties accepted, the scheme went ahead. We had very few failures in our district, but we had to do some hard-selling.

There were "ground rules" laid down, the principle was every one paid the same as long as the length of service pipe on private property was of a reasonable length, the second was that after sufficient contributions were received to cover the cost of the mains and services then the contributions stopped and we reverted to our standard charging procedure. Sometimes that would cost more. An unofficial rule by us was was that we did not tell areas we were considering a gas supply because considering became — are coming; are coming meant free; it was amazing how rumours could spread. Therefore our team avoided postal surveys like the plague, which was probably the undoing of Ingham.

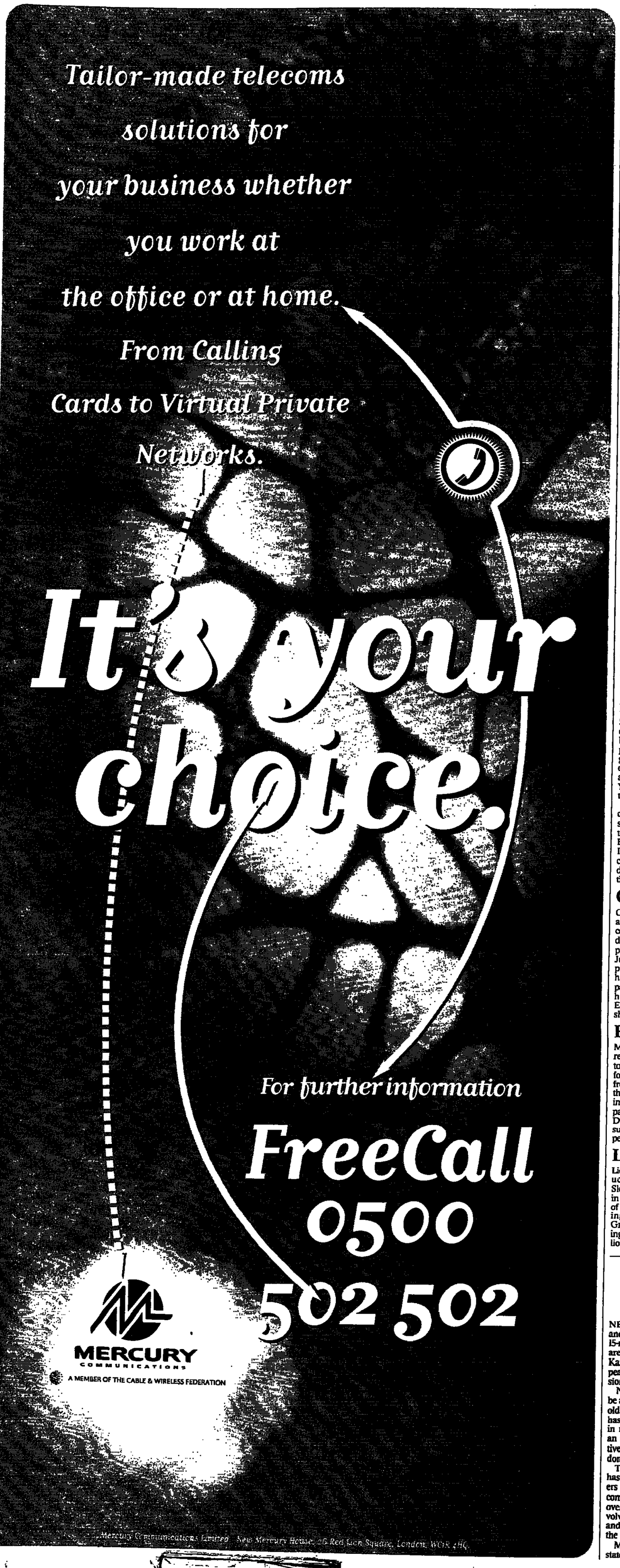
We had five very fruitful years expanding the gas system in our district until — along came Ofgas and said British Gas must lose a percentage of its industrial and commercial business. Rural gas stopped overnight. I feel sorry for the villages we had pencilled in for future schemes because, at the present rate, they do not stand a snowball's chance in hell of getting a gas supply at a reasonable cost, and that to us was £400, plus or minus £100.

One word to the residents of Ingham, ask the local water company the cost of its mains and services — £1,200 would be the bargain of the year.

In our five or so years of rural gas, we made gas available to more than 16,000 consumers in more than 100 separate small towns, villages and single streets.

Yours faithfully,
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Accountancy, Finance and Banking Appointments now appear in Section 3 every Thursday



Land Securities climbs to £241m

By Carl Mortished

PETER HUNT, chairman of Land Securities, Britain's largest property group, rounded on critics of the company's growth prospects as he unveiled a 2 per cent rise in profits and net assets per share.

"We came through this recession with increased dividends and profits every year and we didn't do a rights issue," he commmented. Referring to concern that rental growth will be constrained by a large number of properties let at above-market rents, Mr Hunt said: "We let our developments so well that some of them are now over rented — so you cannot win."

Land Securities shares jumped from 592p to 616p on a surprise 2.4 per cent boost to net asset value to 693p. Profits rose from £234 million to £241 million and the company is increasing the dividend by 4 per cent to 25p, in spite of a fall in earnings per share from 35.66p to 34.56p.

John Atkins, property analyst at UBS, said that many Land Securities investors were attracted by the security of the stock but added: "I would say all of that is taken for granted. What an investor should be looking for is top-quartile earnings and dividends growth. If you want security, why not buy gilts?"

Jim Murray, Land Securities' finance director conceded that profits could decline due to the cost of the company's £370 million development programme and its policy of not capitalising interest. "We have the scope to grow the dividend by reducing cover," he indicated. Dividend cover fell in the year from 1.48 times to 1.41 times and the City is expecting it to fall to 1.2 times before rental income from developments benefits profits in the year ending March 1998.

The three-year development plan will add some 2.1 million sq ft of space to Land Securities' £5.1 billion portfolio which showed a marginal revaluation surplus of £27 million. Out-of-town retail properties were the main beneficiaries with a 3.4 per cent rise in value and Land's properties in London's West End and Victoria rose 2.1 per cent.

Mr Hunt said that rental growth had not matched expectations: "There is a bit of growth but it is patchy." He predicted that good quality retail property would show growth this year but said that older ribbon developments in town centres might have to convert back into housing.

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Countryside warning on profits

Countryside Properties, one of the largest housebuilders in Greater London and the South East, gave a warning that current year profits might not exceed the results of the previous 12 months even though turnover was expected to reach a record level.

In spite of the depressed state of the housing market, Countryside expects to build and sell more speculative homes this year and build a record number of homes for housing associations.

In the half-year to March 31, profits dropped to £3.1 million before tax, from £3.7 million, in spite of a rise in turnover to £79.6 million, from £67.8 million. Earnings were 2.9p, down from 4.1p. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.41p a share, which is payable September 6.

Sunset stake in Music Box

Sunset + Vine, the independent television producer, is buying a majority share in a producer of music programmes and children's videos. The sellers of Music Box are Virgin Broadcasting, Yorkshire Television and Lifetime Group.

Sunset is paying £635,000 in cash and allotting Virgin shares worth £112,000 at yesterday's market price. Music Box makes programmes for ITV's Night Network and has commissions to produce children's videos for the sell-through market.

Care payout

Care UK, the nursing homes and sheltered accommodation company, is returning to the dividend list, with an interim payment of 0.25p a share due July 14, after earning taxable profits of £1.16 million in the half-year to March 31, compared with £761,000 in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 2.07p (1.16p) a share.

Back in profit

Merchant Retail Group, the retail stores group, recovered to profits of £1.08 million before tax in the year to April 1, from losses of £4.9 million in the previous 12 months. Earnings were 1.04p a share, compared with losses of 6.01p. Dividend payments will resume "as soon as prudence permits", the company said.

Lionheart sale

Lionheart, the consumer products company, is selling Sloane, a subsidiary involved in the design and manufacture of bespoke retail merchandising systems, to Princedale Group for £10 million, including the assumption of £3 million of debt.

Daimler-Benz chief goes



Fiery departure: Edzard Reuter, who retires today as head of Daimler-Benz, with his successor as management board chairman Jürgen Schrempp, left. Herr Reuter said yesterday, that the strong mark and "irresponsibly high" wages threatened the very fibre of much of Germany's industry. Retiring after eight years as head of Germany's industrial flagship, he attacked German politicians for failing to address the issue of international competitiveness and said economic conditions could force Daimler to shift more production abroad. Herr Reuter, 67, was speaking at Daimler's annual meeting in Stuttgart.

Pension deadline for part-timers

By Robert Miller

THOUSANDS of part-time workers are set to lodge claims with industrial tribunals for backdated pension rights before a May 31 deadline.

By last night, more than 45,000 claims had been submitted by part-time workers anxious to secure the best possible pensions deal.

After May 31, part-time workers will be allowed to backdate their claim for past pension rights for only two years. Those who do beat the deadline, however, could be allowed to backdate their claims to 1976, if appropriate.

The deadline has been set by the Government, but the trigger for the cut-off point was a series of landmark rulings by the European Court of Justice last September. In two specific test cases, the court ruled that the exclusion of part-timers from an employer's pension scheme could constitute indirect sex discrimination. The court ruled that limitation periods for backdating part-timers' pension rights were a matter for national governments.

The UK Government used the Equal Pay Act of 1970, which sets a retrospective two-year limit on claims, as its guide. However, advisers to the TUC take another view.

Sarah Veale, senior policy officer at the TUC, said: "We are hoping to run some test cases and our best advice is that we can go back to 1976 based on another European Court test case involving an employee of Sabena, the Belgian airline."

The TUC is negotiating with a number of employers to introduce a block deal for employees to join their company pension schemes and, where possible, for the employer to fund the backdated contribution by means of a loan.

EU move over mergers

From Michael Dynes in Brussels

NEW powers to vet mergers and takeovers throughout the 15-member European Union are being sought by Brussels, Karel van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, announced yesterday.

National governments will be asked to reduce the threshold at which the Commission has the authority to intervene in mergers and takeovers in an attempt to prevent restrictive practices or abuse of dominant positions.

The Commission currently has the power to vet all mergers and takeovers where the combined worldwide turnover of the companies involved is more than £4 billion, and where turnover within the EU is worth £180 million.

Mr van Miert declined to state what new intervention threshold the Commission was seeking, although he insisted that increased powers to make or break mergers "would provide more legal certainty" for firms. National governments, fearing any further loss of sovereignty to Brussels, have resisted previous Commission attempts to revise the intervention thresholds downwards.

The announcement heralds another round of acrimonious round of talks over who has the power to do what.

The Commission's annual competition report, unveiled yesterday, showed that the number of mergers reported to Brussels rose to a record 95 in 1994, up from 58 the previous year. There had also been a substantial increase in the number of proposed mergers where the Commission had to demand changes, to preserve the integrity of the internal market. The year saw the break up of "no fewer than three hardcore cartels," the report said.

"The breaking down of (internal) borders facilitates more intense competition in which only the more efficient will survive," the report said. "But it has to go hand in hand with the efficient control of mergers to ensure they do not endanger the development of effective competition on the market," it added.

The report said however that the illegal use of state subsidies to help to prop up flagging industries was still widespread, and that a further clampdown was in the pipeline.

Shares make strong gains

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gaelund Amer	172.30	182.30	+ 2.80	0.30
Gaelund Equity	342.10	257.50†	+ 2.30	2.45
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Gaelund Gilt	75.56	77.92	+ 0.23	9.36
Gaelund Japan	151.00	159.60	+ 0.80	...

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General Acc	558.80	594.50	+ 4.60	2.81
General Inc	487.10	518.20	+ 3.90	2.81
UK Growth Acc	377.20	401.30†	+ 3.10	2.92
UK Growth Inc	254.60	270.90†	+ 2.00	2.92
Higher Inc Acc	697.90	742.40†	+ 5.60	4.05
Higher Inc Inc	395.20	421.70†	+ 3.40	4.05
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	192.80	203.60	+ 1.00	5.98
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	90.98	96.09	+ 0.45	5.98
Nth America	278.60	297.60†	+ 3.20	...
Europe	286.30	304.60	+ 0.70	0.76
Tkt Recall	76.05	79.84†	+ 0.67	3.63
Ord Friendly Acc	105.70	111.30	+ 0.40	4.73
Ord Friendly Inc	75.30	80.21	+ 0.33	4.73
Global Opps	97.49	93.08†	+ 0.54	0.44
Balanced Acc	55.80	59.37†	+ 0.35	3.07
Balanced Inc	54.06	57.52†	+ 0.34	3.07
Japan Acc	44.42	47.26	+ 0.26	...
Pac Basin Acc	372.80	396.80	+ 0.50	0.08

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Inv	130.28	138.10	- 0.10	7.34
High Inc Equity	164.10	175.70†	+ 0.70	4.48
Worldwide Bond	265.20	299.30†	+ 1.00	4.34
Capital Growth				
Americas Growth	295.50	316.50	+ 3.90	.82
Asian Pacific	315.70	335.80	+ 3.10	....
Assets & Earnings	268.50	285.80†	+ 1.40	2.73
Commdty & Energy	95.27	101.39	+ 1.29	.13
Euro Capital Inc	139.30	148.00†	+ 0.40	.65
(Accum Units)	143.50	156.60	+ 0.40	.65
General	240.80	256.20	+ 1.80	2.12
Japan	113.70	121.80	+ 1.10	....
Mastertrust	142.70	152.90	+ 0.70	1.77
UK Growth Dist	127.40†	135.40†	....	3.02
US Emerging Cos	137.10	146.80	+ 2.00	....
Income & Growth	392.70	417.80†	+ 2.10	2.99
Ethical	68.86	73.25	+ 0.34	2.84
International	114.20	121.50	+ 0.30	.46
Dividend & Growth	81.94	85.80	+ 0.33	4.26
Global Gwth & Sec	67.77	72.30	+ 0.05	2.70

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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UK Small Cos	217.15	218.25	....	....

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
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Amer Inc & Growth	47.58	49.38†	+ 0.08	0.62
Cash	50.48	50.48	+ 0.01	5.79
Emerging Mkts	69.29	73.16	+ 0.48	0.05
European	115.70	120.88	+ 0.10	....
Exempt	982.20	1110.52†	+ 4.20	1.77
Extra Income	46.36	49.46	+ 0.29	6.09
Far East Exmp Inc	118.10	125.20	+ 0.90	0.50
Fixed Interest	72.59	73.51†	+ 0.08	8.79
Fixed Inv Tst	153.00†	172.20†	+ 0.90	9.04
Japan	117.60	123.40	+ 1.50	....
Latin American	52.52	55.12	- 0.04	0.89
Pacific	75.42	79.58†	+ 0.99	0.33
Property Shares	67.54	64.60	+ 0.73	2.11
UK Emerging Cos	92.81	95.93	+ 0.19	1.86
UK Growth	44.69	47.36†	+ 0.26	2.48
Aber World Port	73.19	74.45†	+ 0.46	2.20
Ethical	63.35	66.50	+ 0.42	2.65
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	50.95	50.95	+ 0.14	7.50

ABBEY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0131 549 9292

British Growth				
British Income				
Select Portfolio	86.85	92.40†	- 0.78	....

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01462 305 958

Amity Income	75.00	79.58	+ 0.42	2.56
Income Builder Inc	70.33	74.62	+ 0.30	2.85

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Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	238.10	254.50†	+ 2.10	3.06
Capital	417.90	446.70†	+ 3.10	1.85
Balanced	703.50	752.00†	+ 5.00	2.64
Accumulator	613.03	613.92	+15.00	2.91
Income Trusts				
American Income	80.73	84.69	+ 0.26	3.32
High Income	405.80	433.80	+ 4.10	3.56
Equity Income	238.80	244.50	+ 2.60	3.41
High Yield	242.70	259.40†	+ 2.50	3.35
Gilt Securities	83.60	86.47†	+ 0.45	5.98
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	158.50	168.40	+ 1.10	0.41
European Growth	35.86	38.22	+ 0.26	0.01
Investment	159.90	170.90†	+ 1.20	0.19
Japan	161.60	162.70†	- 0.70	0.01
Pacific	379.50	401.40	....	....
Spec of America	455.00	484.00	+ 3.20	0.48
Worldw Asset Val	48.25	51.57	+ 0.23	0.23
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	536.00	572.90†	+ 7.20	2.23
Comm & Gilts	43.16	46.15	+ 0.25	5.03
Smaller Cos	170.70	182.40	+ 1.10	1.22
2nd Smaller Cos	161.30	172.40	+ 1.10	1.41
Recovery	148.20	149.60†	+ 1.00	1.75
Med Min & Cdty	152.10	162.50†	+ 1.20	1.73
Gross Earnings	359.90	384.70†	+ 2.70	1.75
Technology	176.20	188.30	+ 2.20	0.01
UK Special Sits	475.00	507.70	+ 2.80	1.71

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01263 826 917

Cazenove Dist Pens	102.70	105.60	....	3.94
Founders Pens Pens	82.69	85.13	....	1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0033

Capital	72.80	77.45	+ 0.92	2.09
International	63.92	68.00	- 0.14	....

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	267.00	287.00	+ 3.90	....
Bond	114.80	120.60	+ 0.70	6.80
Bnd Smlr Cos	101.50	108.00	+ 0.30	1.75
Cons & Gth	84.86	89.00†	+ 0.66	5.69
Europe	222.47	236.60	- 0.40	0.64
Euro Smlr Cos	98.84	105.20	- 0.30	0.61
Income Gwth	342.10	363.90	+ 1.60	4.25
Japan	284.40	302.10	+ 1.90	....
Latin American	69.40	73.83	- 0.89	....
Pacific	109.40	116.40	+ 0.80	1.28
UK Smlr Cos	54.45	57.93	+ 0.30	1.34
Japan Fd	697.80	698.40	+ 1.60	....
Mngd Fd	175.10	186.00†	+ 1.20	3.23

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 488 8673

Bnf & Dscnt	298.30	313.90	....	0.90
Capital Gwth	112.60	118.60	....	2.89
Whelan Dspn	167.50	197.40	....	0.87

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
01481 5345644

Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	348.80	363.40†	+ 1.50	2.95
European Bd Inc	91.12	94.35	+ 0.01	7.22
Exempt	73.65	78.55†	+ 0.25	4.36
Financial	75.74	81.00†	+ 0.47	2.82
50/50	446.80	479.10	+ 0.70	2.65
General	275.10	294.50	+ 1.80	2.91
Property	248.10	267.40	....	6.56
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60†	....	5.49
Extra Income	119.10	127.40†	+ 0.70	4.18
Gilt & Fxd Int	97.31	98.24†	+ 0.10	8.55
Income	526.80	563.40†	+ 3.0	4.05
Income Builder	67.65	68.65	+ 0.31	4.79
Intl Income	63.33	67.38	+ 0.30	3.52
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	119.60	127.50	+ 0.80	2.60
Leisure	127.70	136.60	+ 0.10	1.49
Recovery	424.20	453.70	- 0.30	2.66
Smlr Cos Inc	45.00	48.20	+ 0.08	2.32
Special Sits	288.70	306.80	+ 1.80	1.71
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	133.80	141.90†	+ 1.70	0.59
Asst Acc	236.60	251.70	+ 1.50	2.02
Asst Inc	145.90	154.90	+ 0.90	2.02
Euro Gwth Inc	154.00	163.70	+ 1.20	1.06
(Accum Units)	164.80	175.10	+ 1.30	1.06
Japan & Gen Inc	157.70	165.90	+ 1.10	....
(Accum Units)	158.50	168.90	+ 1.20	....
Japan Spec Sits	71.98	76.25	+ 0.64	....
Uke Tech Inc	81.16	86.27	+ 0.68	0.04
Worldwide	168.10	178.40	+ 0.90	0.94

BARING FUND MANGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

American Growth	97.63	103.40	+ 1.70	....
Amer Smlr Cos	135.90	145.10	+ 1.80	....
Convertibles	52.56	58.74	- 0.24	5.70
Eastern	282.50	305.90†	+ 1.80	0.30
Equity Income	93.69	99.11†	+ 0.48	4.90
European Growth	305.00	323.20†	+ 0.40	0.61
Europe	219.70	233.50	+ 0.30	0.21
German Growth	76.06	80.65	+ 0.78	0.56
Global Bond	63.79	67.16	+ 0.06	6.20
Global Growth	125.90	134.20	+ 0.60	....
Japan Growth	174.80	185.80	+ 1.20	....
Japan Smlr Cos	141.20	148.60	- 0.70	....
Korea Trust	70.40	76.06	- 0.69	....
Portfolio	130.70	138.80	+ 0.50	2.10
(Accum Units)	340.30	357.20	+ 0.90	2.10
UK Growth	84.92	91.15	+ 0.57	2.20
UK Smaller Cos	81.64	89.91†	+ 0.25	1.80
Select Managers	75.56	80.99	+ 0.27	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 259 3300

Intl Gwth Prnt Inc	73.94	78.86	....	....
Special Oppor Inc	56.62	60.23	....	....

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
01411 223 6020

Balanced Growth	108.34	114.64†	+ 0.70	1.87
(Accum Units)	122.90	130.05	+ 0.79	1.87
Smaller Cos	108.09	114.38†	+ 3.60	1.28
Higher Yield	45.57	48.22†	+ 0.28	4.60
American Gth Inc	74.76	78.58	+ 0.23	1.29
European Growth	135.66	144.82	+ 0.41	0.26
(Accum Units)	139.55	147.67	+ 0.42	0.26
Global Bond Inc	28.32	27.28†	+ 0.05	6.98
Mngd Pnsns Inc	45.24	44.68	+ 0.13	1.54
(Accum Units)	43.08	45.54	+ 0.30	1.54
Int Spec Opps	116.84	122.37	+ 1.01	....
Pacific Gwth	128.14	135.80	- 2.22	....
Formerly LAS				
UK General	76.78	81.16	+ 0.48	3.60
(Accum Units)	78.54	83.11	+ 0.50	3.60
Japan	55.10	58.31	+ 0.58	....
Gilt & Fixed Int	90.10	95.59†	+ 0.19	7.68

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
0171 490 7216

Short Dated Gilt	69.91	84.73	+ 0.03	6.43

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 3000

Evenue	158.00	168.10	+ 0.60	1.74
UK Growth	171.00	182.00	+ 1.20	2.36
UK Income	152.50	147.40†	+ 0.90	4.43

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
01707 851 122

Can Gen Dist	189.90	201.30	+ 1.40	1.87
-do- Income Dist	107.70	114.20†	+ 0.80	4.38
(Accum Units)	322.30	342.10	+ 2.40	4.38
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.50	42.93	+ 0.27	6.34

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5382

American & Gen	163.10	173.60	+ 2.00	....
European Inc	79.84	84.55	+ 0.17	0.54
Smaller Cos (+/-1)	82.11	87.36	- 0.08	1.36
Growth	427.80	455.20	+ 4.80	2.22
Income & Growth	411.00	437.30	+ 2.00	3.98
(Accum Units)	586.40	624.00	+ 2.80	3.95
Japan & Gen	67.48	71.84	+ 0.68	....
Money Portfolio	£101.36	£105.03†	+£3.00	2.45
(Accum Units)	£121.59	£125.97	+£7.00	2.45
Special Sits	98.86	105.20	+ 1.15	2.19
High Yield	£13.16	£13.57†	+ 6.00	4.47

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
0171 606 0708

Cazenove Portfolio	84.80	90.48	....	2.44
American Portfolio	96.93	102.24	....	1.15
European Portfolio	98.02	104.32	....	0.75
Japanese Portfolio	80.73	84.49	+ 0.34	....
Pacific Portfolio	139.49	149.99	+ 0.58	0.95
UK Inc & Growth	76.22	81.72	....	3.29
Utility & Bond	53.81	54.44	....	7.12

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0171 588 1815

Inv Fund	864.60	897.10	....	4.66
Fxd Int Sec	147.90	148.00	....	9.73

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
0171 382 8000

UK General Tst	64.54	68.65	+ 0.47	2.89

COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD
0171 588 1815

Inc	654.70	693.17	....	4.72
Accum	938.00	938.34	....	....
Fixed Int Inc	130.55	138.84	....	9.52
Fixed Int Acc	192.35	193.45	....	....

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
0171 837 7997

Intl Growth	113.80	124.81	....	5.47
UK Income	107.21	116.90	....	....

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
0171 407 5866

Dedicated Intl	82.19	86.84	- 0.22	1.39
Black Star Tech	27.35	28.80	....	....
Acorn Ethical Tst	148.91	157.42	....	0.89
City Fin Assets	70.67	74.41	....	1.89
City Fin America	92.92	97.57	+ 0.90	....
City Fin Intl	78.08	83.65†	+ 0.33	0.66
City Fin Japan	148.04	155.46	- 5.72	....
Friars Hse Cap	274.74	291.57	....	1.65
Friars Hse Inc	191.30	207.55†	....	4.05
Buckler Wld Gth	122.93	130.30	- 0.90	....
Fairmnt Cap Gth	134.09	142.09†	....	....
Fairmnt Intl	146.20	156.47†	....	....
J Sbl Inc/Gth Inc	53.43	57.69	....	4.26

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300

Emerging Markets	56.41	59.85	+ 0.29	....

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
0800 373 393

American Gwth	92.03	98.34	+ 0.71	....
Atlas Integrl Gwth	68.22	72.98	+ 0.67	0.61
Dragon Growth	94.04	99.40	+ 0.64	4.00
Equity High Inc	113.86	121.15	+ 0.87	4.00
European Gwth	52.42	55.77	- 0.08	1.29
Evergreen	57.80	59.80	+ 0.60	2.85
General Equity	84.07	89.05	+ 0.60	....
Japan Growth	47.20	50.48	+ 0.45	....
Pedigree Gwth	51.74	55.04	+ 0.39	2.70
Pref Sec Cos Inc	30.35	32.29†	....	1.51
Property Shares	31.75	33.78	....	5.57
Retirement Inc	26.62	27.57	+ 0.17	5.57
Special Sits	31.15	33.15	+ 0.23	2.16
UK & Overseas	48.98	52.11	+ 0.23	1.34

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
01634 699 000

Capital	65.70	73.85	+ 0.28	2.00
Income	63.14	66.53	+ 0.25	4.32

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD
0181 668 9818

PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	158.91	169.05†	+ 0.90	5.18
Fixed & Convertible	38.70	41.17†	- 0.05	7.25
Monthly Inc Plus	47.25	50.24†	+ 0.04	8.92
Preference Share	44.85	47.71†	+ 0.05	7.88
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	122.50	130.32†	+ 0.63	6.28
Managed Fund	68.17	72.52†	+ 0.17	3.25
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.70	40.11†	+ 0.05	2.08
(Accum Units)	43.69	46.69†	+ 0.05	2.08
UK & General	80.09	85.20†	+ 0.53	3.00
(Accum Units)	101.51	107.99†	+ 0.66	3.00
UK Growth	146.83	156.20†	+ 0.96	0.07
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.04	203.73†	- 0.21	0.12
For Eastern Gth	125.84	133.87†	+ 0.69	....
Global Bond	78.16	84.14†	+ 0.20	6.14
Japan Growth	108.20	115.11†	+ 0.32	....
North Amer Gwth	174.70	185.85†	+ 2.42	....
Oriental Growth	77.55	82.50†	+ 0.45	0.07
Worldwide Growth	99.23	94.39†	+ 0.56	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.06	92.06†	+ 0.01	6.13
Homemaker Fund	79.15	84.29	- 0.41	1.79
Quilter Fund	130.26	138.60	+ 1.86	2.33

For Consolidation see Sun Life of Canada

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
0171 407 5908

Consistent UT	31.20	33.46	....	3.32

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
0800 526 359

Growth	149.30	158.90†	+ 1.00	1.59
Income	68.31	72.68	+ 0.21	4.92
European	61.95	65.91†	- 0.43	....
Recovery	162.28	172.60	+ 0.10	7.83

CO-OP PERSON FDS UT MGRS LTD
0171 283 9494

Equity Dist	831.40	845.40†	....	3.61

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
01277 690 370

(Exchange) Fd Income	77.35	82.29	+ 0.14	0.45
	233.70	255.00	+ 1.62	4.56
(Accum Units)	692.60	641.00	+ 3.90	4.56
Smaller Cos	166.90	177.50	+ 0.18	0.58
European Gwth	27.80	29.80	....	1.29
Emergncy	97.80	99.05	+ 0.61	1.39
Gnmnt Equity	84.07	89.05	+ 0.60	....
High Inc Pref	76.17	74.64	+ 0.46	4.65

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
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ACCOUNTANCY

'Nobel' for a non-graduate

BY ROBERT BRUCE

In many ways Nigel Rudd, the chairman of Williams Holdings, the successful conglomerate, is an old-fashioned accountant. And tonight he receives his accolade. At a dinner in Sheffield he will receive the Founding Societies Centenary award, the English ICA's version of the Nobel prize, awarded annually to members who have made "an outstanding contribution".

The citation talks of Mr Rudd's "successful entrepreneurialism and management capabilities". Mr Rudd talks of the great advantage newly qualified accountants had in the late 1960s when his career started to gain momentum. "Companies were quite pathetically weak then," he said. "Even quite large companies had no management accounts until the auditor came around, and they had no idea of cashflow."

Mr Rudd, having qualified through five years of articles in Derby, decided that audit was not for him, but advising companies was. In this, he reckoned the lengthy period of training that non-graduates came through in those days gave him an advantage. "A lot of the best accountants of my generation came through five-year articles," he said. "We were not just eggheads."

The other advantage to accounting was that "you saw the decision-making part of a business at a very early stage in your career", he said. "With a marketing or engineering background, for example, you arrive at that stage much later and you learn too late about the importance of understanding the figures."

Mr Rudd worked at one of the earliest of conglomerates, London & Northern Group. "There I learnt how not to do things," he said. But the experience was invaluable. "I had to sort out all the awful businesses they had bought. I learnt how to deal with powerful and fairly rich people. I learnt how to get rid of people. I learnt the importance of power bases as a means to effect change. And I learnt that if you embark on a particular strategy and empower people to do something they have to have the absolute backing of the management."

Hence, Williams Holdings. Started in partnership with Brian McGowan, it was a small engineering company in 1982. At yesterday's annual meeting, Mr Rudd was reporting business in the building, security and fire protection products markets with a turnover of £1.39 billion with a profit before tax of £200 million.

Williams's management style is, said Mr Rudd, simple. "We have a very, very disciplined management structure," he said, and emphasised the importance of a strategy of only buying market leaders, after a number of mistakes in the early 1980s.



Nigel Rudd believes in a disciplined management structure

"That was the strategy that pulled us through the recession," he said. Trying to combine being market leader with being the lowest-cost producer in each market paid off. "It is a question of deciding which markets you want to be in and then going for quality," he said. "The margins are stunning now." He says his management style is just as disciplined. He eschews the interfering entrepreneur role. "I will never, ever make decisions on the hoof. I respect the reporting lines absolutely. If I think something needs to be changed then I will go back and talk over the ideas and then report it through the system. People who manage businesses respond to certainty and to definite lines of command."

As for the profession that honours him tonight, he has mixed feelings. He feels it should be more united. "We need a strong and vocal profession," he said. "I wish it would speak with one voice and lead on issues like goodwill." Instead, he feels that "it has lost a lot of respect". In particular, he feels that the large audit firms let everyone down in the 1980s. "The big firms aided and abetted some pretty terrible accounting," he said. "Now, the standards are higher. In the past, auditors were almost part of the management team adding value."

Now, with bodies such as the Accounting Standards Board in place, "the new regime is enormously successful". Part of the new system, the Review Panel had a run-in with Williams Holdings. Mr Rudd says it was right to do so, but added that "there were far worse things done elsewhere".

Tonight's accolade should refute one of the old clichés of accounting, which Mr Rudd has battled against throughout. "The idea that accountants are the dead hand on business is nonsense," he said.

Journey into the realms of illusion

THE speech that Sir Patrick Sheehy, the BAT Industries chairman, made recently on "Do accountants add value?" was remarkable. It should be required reading for anyone who wants to understand how even the greatest figures in the UK corporate sector can, with the best intentions, reach conclusions that make little sense to the ordinary public.

Sir Patrick was speaking to accountants brought together by the London Society of Chartered Accountants and the Board for Chartered Accountants in Business. If this is not the forum at which to get everything off your chest, then you wonder what is.

He warmed up with a minor gibe at the expense of auditors. "Some modern accountants are prepared not only to poach the accounts of their peers, but to publicly impugn the integrity of their work," he said. How unlike the behaviour of companies in the midst of a takeover bid, nodded the audience sagely.

Then he savaged the usefulness of published accounts. "What businessmen seek from their management accounts is a return on the capital employed in the company and whether its finances are appropriate for the tasks in hand," he said. "What they find in the annual report and accounts is a mind-numbing collection of complex and highly detailed information. Even those who prepared it, if they understood it in the first place, have forgotten what it meant within six months of the year end. Most, to judge by the level of interest in the BAT accounts, don't find it much use either."



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"Even City analysts," said Sir Patrick, "whose reputations depend on their ability to dissect the minutiae of accounts, find it difficult to distinguish between reality and illusion." That is rating analysts somewhat highly, but you can see what he is getting at. But his problem is that he does not see it as anything to do with him. If analysts could distinguish between reality and illusion, "most finance directors would not be so resistant to accounting treatments which result in lower profits".

Here we really start to enter the realms of illusion. Most finance directors are opposed to accounting policies that would lower profits because they have an overbearing chairman bellowing at them that he is damned if some twit of an auditor thinks a true and fair view means lower profits.

Sir Patrick then turned to the wonderful old chestnut of how companies cannot cope with rules, particularly if they are new ones. He said "the objectives of the Accounting Standards Board and the Cadbury committee seemed entirely laudable". But "what we were not entitled to expect was the blizzard of consultative documents, best practice, code of conduct and laws, rules and regulations, which followed the establishment of these new regulatory bodies".

It is difficult to see what Sir Patrick had expected. All these bodies were set up after a period when company accounts were largely not worth the paper they were printed on and corporate behaviour hand sunk well below public expectations. Auditors take a lot of the blame for not being tougher in stopping the rot. But the people who were causing the rot were boards of directors. They could have hardly expected the people charged with cleaning up the mess to have stayed at home building daisy-chains out of paper clips. Sir Patrick then argued that this blizzard of rules was "leading to a costly obsession with control" and asked of the auditors, "how can a profession whose first responsibility is to measure the creation of wealth for shareholders, be party to such a turn of events"? The answer is simple. There is no guarantee that the shareholders' company will contain any wealth unless systems of internal control prevent directors squandering it or even walking off with it.

To give him his due, Sir Patrick's arguments about audit firms hiding behind rules are sound. The flight of the large firms from judgment to rules has, as he said, transformed them "from independent auditor to fee-driven huckster". But it is not all their fault. As Sir Patrick said, "companies seek to find their way round new standards, rules and regulations almost as soon as they are published. Their bankers and their lawyers are always saying 'show me the text where it says it cannot be done'." He added: "The battle now joined between the rule-breakers and the rule-makers is ultimately futile." Quite so. But it is up to the rule-breakers, the boards of directors, to do something about it. Without rule-breakers, as Sir David Tweedie, of the ASB, has argued endlessly, the need for rule-makers does somewhat diminish. Sir Patrick's speech was a revealing one. But I doubt if what it revealed was what he intended.

The game of the name

PITY the once mighty name of Deloitte. This year is the 150th anniversary of William Welch Deloitte putting up his brass plate in the City. But expect embarrassment rather than celebrations. Coopers & Lybrand bought the UK end of Deloitte in 1990, but dropped the name soon afterwards and does not like being reminded about it. And Touche Ross, which merged with the rest of the firm and proudly trumpets the Deloitte name worldwide, is barred by Coopers from using it in Britain until 1997.

Tailing Big Six

IT SOUNDS like something out of Dashiel Hammett or Raymond Chandler. "Lee & Allen: Link with FBI Chief", said the press release. Any minute, someone will pull out the old equaliser and the hoods will be turning up their toes on the speakeasy floor. In fact, it is the latest success of niche accounting firms. David Lee and Tim Allen used to run the forensic accounting group at Price Waterhouse. Last year, they broke away and set up their own specialist firm. Now they have linked up with The Emerald Group, a Los Angeles firm set up by Tom Parker, formerly of the FBI. The aim is to be the "Big Seventh" in forensic accounting. The Big Six firms should beware. Now both Lee and the FBI are on their heels.

In concert

THERE is much talk of the value of non-executive directors and their various skills. Those interested should check out Sir Trevor Holdsworth. Not content with being a non-executive director at such institutions as the Prudential, he is taking to the concert platform. This Saturday sees him at the Wigmore Hall, London, playing Fauré and Chopin, among others. He is, of course, a sort of non-executive there as well. He is chairman of the Wigmore Hall Trust.

Initial defeat

THE award for the most doomed effort to lift an audit goes to Arthur Andersen. The firm bid for the Royal Automobile Club audit, which was won last week by Price Waterhouse. But did it ever seriously think that the RAC would be audited by a firm with the initials AA?

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Corroboration in similar fact case

Regina v H (Evidence: Corroboration)

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Griffiths, Lord Mustill, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead

[Speeches May 24]

Where a defendant had been charged in the same indictment with sexual offences of a similar nature upon his adopted daughter and his step-daughter, the judge had been entitled to allow the prosecution to rely on the evidence of each complainant as similar fact evidence regarding the offence against the other complainant, notwithstanding that the credibility or accuracy of their accounts was said to be compromised by collusion. The witnesses' credibility was a matter for the jury.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by H against the judgment of the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice French and Mr Justice Harrison) (*The Times* March 2, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 809) upholding his conviction on four counts alleging indecent assault upon, gross indecency towards and unlawful sexual intercourse with his adopted daughter S and indecent assault upon his stepdaughter C.

The point of law of general public importance was "How should the trial judge deal with a similar fact case ... where the Crown proposes to call more than one complainant and to rely on each as corroborating the evidence of the other ... and the defence demonstrates that there is a risk that the evidence is contaminated by collusion or other factors?"

Mr Michael Beckman, QC and Mr Stanley Best for H; Mr Neil Butterfield, QC and Mr Jeremy Gibbons for the Crown.

THE LORD CHANCELLOR said that it had been accepted that on the facts of the case there must have existed a risk of collusion between S and C. Counsel for the appellant had submitted that where there was a real risk of contamination, similar fact evidence was not legally probative and was neither admissible nor corroborative. Where a real risk existed that there had been collusion between witnesses, the evidence of those witnesses could not be allowed to go before the jury as potentially corroborative.

The judge, it was argued, should therefore consider whatever credible evidence was available, not just the depositions, before deciding whether or not there was a real risk of contamination, and that while a voire dire was to be avoided if possible, it might be necessary.

His Lordship said that two distinct questions could arise: whether a piece of evidence was similar fact evidence for the purpose of being adduced in the trial of an allegation: and, supposing the supporting evidence to be admissible, whether it could be used as corroboration. On the coming into effect of sections 32 and 33 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, the second question would no longer have its present importance.

In *DPP v P* ([1991] 2 AC 447) the House said that where a father was charged with sexually abusing a young daughter, evidence that he had also similarly abused other young children of the family was admissible if the similarity was sufficiently strong or there was other sufficient relationship between the events described and the evidence of the other young children of the family and the abuse charged that the evidence, if accepted, would so strongly support the truth of that charge that it was fair to admit it notwithstanding its prejudicial effect.

The principles which determined whether one piece of evidence could corroborate another were the same, but there was a further requirement that the evidence proposed to be used as corroboration had to be independent of the evidence sought to be corroborated.

Although there was no question of collusion or other contamination of the evidence raised in *DPP v P*, it was important to notice that the test of the necessary relationship was put upon the basis that the evidence was accepted. That was essential for a test of the kind set out in *DPP v P* to be workable since it was obvious that if the evidence was not accepted it would have no probative force at all.

By admitting evidence as similar fact evidence the judge was not to be held as having accepted that the evidence was true. That was properly a matter for the jury if the judge decided that the evidence should be properly admissible before them. In the present case the evidence had been properly admitted as similar fact evidence.

Turning to the second question, in *R v Ananthanarayanan* ([1994] 1 WLR 788) it was held that if there existed a real risk that the evidence of one complainant might have been contaminated by the evidence of another complainant there could be no mutual corroboration between them. That was because the value of potentially corroborative evidence depended on its being independent.

In his Lordship's view, where the evidence was such that a jury could properly accept that it was not contaminated it was right for the judge to leave that evidence before the jury for them to assess its weight.

The judge was entitled to rule it out as providing a basis for corroboration only if no reasonable jury could accept it as reliable. So long as a real risk of contamination was understood to mean such a risk that no reasonable jury could be sure that the evidence was not contaminated, *Ananthanarayanan* was in accordance with principle.

In *R v Ryder* (*The Times* March 16, 1993; [1994] 2 All ER 859) the Court of Appeal held inter alia, that: "if the evidence is admitted but at the end of the case [the judge] takes the view that there is a real possibility of collusion he should tell the jury in summing up not to use the evidence as corroboration."

Again, if one understood the phrase "real possibility of collusion" as referring to a situation in which no reasonable jury could accept the evidence as being free from collusion the manner in which that situation should be dealt with suggested by *Ryder* was in accordance with principle.

His Lordship answered the question of law as follows:

1 Where there was an application to exclude evidence on the ground that it did not qualify as similar fact evidence and the submission raised a question of collusion (not only deliberate but including unconscious influence of one witness by another) the judge should approach the question of admissibility on the basis that the similar facts alleged were true and apply the test set out by the House in *DPP v P* accordingly. It followed that generally collusion was not relevant at that stage.

2 If a submission was made raising a question of collusion in such a way as to cause the judge difficulty in applying the test referred to he might be compelled to hold a voire dire.

The situations in which collusion was relevant in the consideration of admissibility would only arise in a very exceptional case of which no illustration had been afforded in the argument on the appeal, but it was right to include it as a possibility since it was difficult to foresee all the circumstances that might arise.

The present was certainly not a case in which the risk of collusion affected the application of the test.

3 If evidence of similar facts was admitted and circumstances were adduced in the course of the trial which indicated that no reasonable jury could accept the evidence as free from collusion the judge should direct the jury that it could not be relied upon as corroboration or for any other purpose adverse to the defence.

4 Where that was not so but the question of collusion had been raised the judge had to clearly draw the importance of collusion to the attention of the jury and leave it to them to decide whether, notwithstanding such evidence of collusion as might have been put before them, they were satisfied that the evidence could be relied upon as free from collusion and tell them that if they were not so satisfied they could not properly rely on it as corroboration or for any other purpose adverse to the defence.

In all the cases which might arise in this part of the law the statutory discretion provided by section 78 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and the common law discretion preserved by section 82(3) of the Act had to be kept in mind.

LORD GRIFFITHS, agreeing that the appeal be dismissed, said that it was the duty of the judge to rule on the admissibility of evidence on the assumption that the prosecution statements would be accepted by the jury as truthful and accurate.

If the evidence was admitted it was for the jury then to determine its credibility and that applied to similar fact evidence as it did to all other admissible evidence.

LORD MUSTILL, also agreeing that the appeal be dismissed, said that there could be no doubt in the present case that if the evidence of one complainant had been admissible as similar fact it must have served to corroborate the evidence of the other.

On the question of admissibility, the rationale of the reception of similar fact evidence in cases such as the present did not justify either the proposition of law that the existence of a risk of collusion between complainants made the evidence inadmissible or the inauguration of a practice whereby the possibility of risk was explored on a voire dire.

In such cases, otherwise than in exceptional situations, the judge should rule on admissibility of the evidence by assuming the witness statements to be unembroidered truth, leaving it to the jury to decide, in the light of whatever attack might be made on it during the trial, what weight should be given to it.

His Lordship added "otherwise than in exceptional situations" so that the rule did not later prove too rigid, although he was at present unable to envisage any situation where a voire dire might be appropriate.

Lord Lloyd and Lord Nicholls delivered speeches agreeing with the Lord Chancellor's answers to the question of law and dismissing the appeal.

Solicitors: Starbuck & Mack, Fareham; CPS, HQ.

Planning reasons have to be given

Bolton Metropolitan District Council and Others v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Lloyd of Berwick and Lord Steyn

[Speeches May 24]

In planning decisions the secretary of state had to state his reasons in sufficient detail so as to enable the reader to know what his conclusion was on the principal important controversial issues.

Where the secretary of state stated his conclusion, right or wrong, on vital issues they were adequate, even though they were not very full and were in certain respects badly expressed.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Manchester Ship Canal Co and Trafford Park Development Corporation from an order dated July 8, 1994 of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Lord Justice Hobhouse) (*The Times* August 4; (1994) 69 P & CR 324) allowing an appeal by a consortium of Bolton, Bury, Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport, Tameside and Wigan Metropolitan District Councils and Manchester City Council against an order dated October 15, 1993 of Mr Justice Schiemann ([1993] 67 P & CR 333).

The judge had dismissed the consortium's application under section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to quash a decision of the secretary of state dated March 4, 1993 by which planning permission was granted to Ship Canal for the development of a sub-regional shopping centre and regional sports complex on land in Trafford Park, Greater Manchester. That land was within the area of reponsibility of the corporation.

Mr Duncan Ouseley, QC and Mr Christopher Katkowski for the secretary of state; Mr Brian Ash, QC and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for Ship Canal; Miss Susan Hamilton, QC and Mr Sebastian Head for the corporation; Mr Robin Purchas, QC and Mr Meyric Lewis for the consortium.

LORD LLOYD said that the case illustrated a weakness in the planning system. The original planning application for a new shopping centre at Trafford Park was made as long ago as July 21, 1986.

There had since been two public inquiries. The first lasted from September 22, 1987 to February 26, 1988, and the second from June 9 to July 17, 1992. The final decision letter was dated March 4, 1993.

During that lengthy period there had been major changes in government policy and in economic conditions. That had resulted in extensive post-inquiry representations being placed before the secretary of state which he was obliged to take into account when reaching his decision.

At one stage the secretary of state was being pressed to reopen the inquiry for a third time. But he resisted the suggestion.

The opponents of the planning consent started proceedings under the 1990 Act on April 14, 1993, claiming that the secretary of state had failed to take certain material considerations into account and asserting that in certain respects his decision was perverse. It was contended that he had failed to give proper reasons for his decision, or that his reasons were so obscure as to be unintelligible.

The first application was submitted for Ship Canal for the development of a sub-regional shopping centre on land at Trafford Park, adjoining the M63 motorway. Two subsequent applications related to the same development, and included with it a proposed regional sports complex on a total area of 123 hectares.

That land was part of a larger area designated as an urban development area under section 134 of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980. The corporation, whose function it was to support regeneration within its area, had supported Ship Canal throughout.

At the public inquiry, there were other applications before the inspector, including two other proposals for sub-regional shopping centres, together with other more modest shopping developments. The inspector concluded that there was room only for one new shopping centre. He recommended that Ship Canal's applications be granted and the others refused.

In his interim decision letter dated August 23, 1989 the secretary of state accepted the inspector's recommendation, but subject to a concern about traffic congestion at junction 3 on the M63 motorway, in the light of comments which he had received from the Department of Transport. So he asked for written representations on that specific issue.

Two years later the Department of Transport changed its mind. It no longer required an additional lane running south between junctions 3 and 4. Instead, it required an additional lane running north between junctions 2 and 3. So the secretary of state asked for further written representations.

On November 4, 1991 he announced that he would reopen the inquiry, limited to the specific issue which he had raised. After the second inquiry was held the inspector recommended that planning permission be granted, on condition that certain rather limited road works be carried out at junction 3. He did not regard an additional north-bound lane as necessary.

There followed the secretary of state's second and final decision letter in which he again accepted the inspector's recommendation.

There were two broad areas of challenge to that letter:

First, that the secretary of state had not dealt properly with the question of urban regeneration and, in particular, with the effect of the proposed development on existing shopping centres in Greater Manchester.

Second, that he had not dealt properly with the suggestion that the site at Trafford Park should be reserved for industrial development, and in particular development associated with high technology.

In planning decisions, what the secretary of state must do was to state his reasons in sufficient detail to enable the reader to know what conclusion he had reached on the principal important controversial issues. To require him to refer to every material consideration, however insignificant, and to deal with every argument, however peripheral, would be to impose an unjustifiable burden: see *Hope v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1975] 31 P & CR 120, 123). If the secretary of state had failed to deal with urban regeneration at all, then of course his decision letter would be vulnerable. But that was not the case. He stated his conclusion, right or wrong, on that vital issue, and although his reasons might not be very full, and were in certain respects badly expressed, they were adequate.

The secretary of state had a difficult decision to make in 1989 when he issued his interim decision letter. He had not only to balance the advantages of allowing development within an urban development area at Trafford Park against the disadvantages to other shopping centres but also to take numerous other factors into account.

By 1993 the decision had become even more difficult since the balance of advantage had shifted in the meantime. The question was whether it had shifted sufficiently to justify reopening the inquiry or refusing permission. That was essentially a matter for the secretary of state's planning judgment.

The inspector accepted that Trafford Park would be suitable for high technology industry, but nevertheless recommended, on balance, that it should not be reserved for that purpose. In his view, the balance of advantage lay with the Ship Canal's proposal.

How then did the secretary of state deal with this new point? In paragraphs 14 and 19 showed that he had taken account of the new argument. It could not be said that he had disregarded it altogether. He did not have to mention everything.

Lord Goff, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn and Lord Steyn agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Stephenson Harwood; Nabarro Nathanson; Sharpe Pritchard.

Indemnity costs can be awarded

McDonnell v Woodhouse & Jones and Others

Where a party in personal injury proceedings had made a written offer by way of *Calderbank* letter (*Calderbank v Calderbank* ([1976] Fam 93)) to the other party and that offer had been refused, when the offeror had been awarded damages in excess of the offer made, indemnity costs could in principle be awarded by the court.

Mr Justice Waterhouse so held in the Queen's Bench Division on April 10 when awarding damages for personal injury to the plaintiff, Darren Anthony McDonnell, the second third and fourth defendants, McNicholas Engineering Ltd, Ballard Plant Hire Ltd, and Laser Plant & Equipment Ltd.

HIS LORDSHIP said, that although in that kind of case indemnity costs could in principle be awarded, the plaintiff's *Calderbank* letter was dated merely six days before the trial commenced.

In his Lordship's opinion, the final steps in the action should be completed in good time to allow the defendant to respond in time; the defendants could not be expected to evaluate an offer such as was made in the present case, unless they had reasonable time in which to consider it.

Judge should not act as prosecutor

Regina v Wood Green Crown Court, Ex parte Taylor

Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Mitchell

[Judgment May 15]

It was inappropriate for a judge to conduct the respondent prosecution's case when involved in determining an appeal by way of case stated from conviction by justices where an advocate for the prosecution was absent.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an application by Colin Martin Taylor for an order of certiorari to quash the dismissal by Wood Green Crown Court (Judge Gerber and justices) of his appeal against conviction of refusing to provide a breath specimen for analysis.

Mr Nicholas Leviseur for the applicant; Mr Charles Digby for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that there was force in the argument that the judge's actions amounted to a procedural irregularity if only because he was not aloof from the proceedings but had descended into the arena and justice was not seen to be done.

If it was important that in a trial with a jury the judge should not act as a prosecutor (see *R v Grafton* ([1993] 1 QB 101)) it was all the more so when he was part of the fact finding tribunal.

The right procedure would be to treat the decision as a nullity and quash the order dismissing the appeal. The conviction would stand subject to an appeal before another judge and justices.

Solicitors: Cordell Tibber & Co, North Finchley; CPS, Wood Green.



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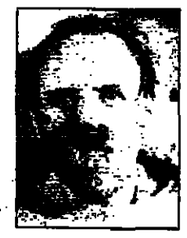
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Write yourself into the movies

THE TIMES SCREEN WRITING COMPETITION



"We've got great film directors, actors, technicians. What Britain lacks is writers": Tim Bevan, Norma Heyman, Mark Shivas and David Aukin will be judging the *Times* competition

Today we launch *The Times* Screenwriting Competition, designed to find that rare talent in modern cinema — the gifted writer. Our competition is open to anybody writing in English and aged 16 or over. The winner will take an all-expenses-paid trip to Hollywood to pitch his or her idea to the leading studios. For details of how to enter, see below (right). The judges are Tim Bevan of Working Title, which made *Four Weddings and a Funeral*; Norma Heyman, who produced *Dangerous Liaisons*; Mark Shivas, head of film at the BBC; and David Aukin, head of drama at Channel 4. Here they explain what they are looking for.

A competition for screenwriters? But surely, by the time they reach the restaurant around the corner from the cinema, *everybody* who has just seen a great movie knows exactly how to write the perfect screenplay?

And hey, why don't we double the box office by giving audiences *Pulp Fiction* and *Four Weddings* combined? Get a load of this: two hitmen drive to a series of toff wedding ceremonies in Sussex — discussing along the way things like foot massage and what they call cheeseburgers in France — and then they shoot some of the wedding guests, often accidentally. Got it? So quick — book me first class to LA and reserve me Warren Beatty's old suite at the Beverly Wilshire.

Jeanne Moreau, like most people in the business, knows that it is rarely that easy. She once complained to a roomful of film-makers that if the screenwriters she had been reading made chairs, they would all be sitting on their backsides. Mel Brooks once swore that "anybody can direct: there are only 11 good writers". Millions would like to be No 12.

"It's an enormous pleasure to read a great script," says Mark Shivas, who commissions up to 20 films a year for the BBC. "It makes up for all the dross. The ones that give you pleasure when you read them, like *The Snapper* and *Truly, Madly, Deeply* — I'd be lucky if I read one or two of those a month."

And it's not just the shortage of good screenplays, but how few are home-grown that saddens British producers. Where, Tim Bevan wants to know, are Britain's great screenwriters? Why aren't their signatures on the 50 to 100 film scripts that arrive every week at his production company, Working Title?

Which is not the same as saying that there isn't British talent. There is, and Bevan admires and hires it: his first movie was *My Beautiful Laundrette* and his most successful was *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, both penned in Britain. But there isn't enough of it. "We've got directors. We've got actors who can open films. We have great technicians. What is lacking is the writing.

"There are a lot of good scriptwriters in Britain, but they are in TV. What we are not good at is writing a small idea on a big canvas, which is what the Americans are good at." Another Bevan gripe: "British writers don't understand collaboration the way American writers do. Film is a collaborative process."

Norma Heyman, the independent producer of *Dangerous Liaisons* and *The Honorary Consul*, agrees. "A lot of British scriptwriters deliver a script and think that's it." She is about to film Christopher Hampton's script of Conrad's *The Secret Agent*. "American scriptwriters deliver a script knowing that they'll be pruning and honing. It's a problem British screenwriters must face: there is a process of collaboration, and it's called film-making."

Shivas, too, echoes this "unwillingness of writers to work on refining their script," but says that it may be a function of not paying enough. "If you get a Hollywood-size whack, maybe you expect to rewrite."

The money is improving here, but anyone expecting to become a millionaire overnight faces the same odds as a drama-school graduate expecting to become as big as Robert De Niro: it's possible, but not for everyone. A new writer for a modestly budgeted British feature film might draw £20,000 for delivering several drafts. A big name might get three times that.

Still, many writers who envy Joe "*Basic Instinct*" Eszterhas's pay cheque, and who may have misunderstood Alfred Hitchcock's quip that "the cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake", settle on a screenwriting career. After all, Hollywood makes 500 movies a year and one of them might as well be yours.

So what's the trick, Tim? "A story," says Bevan, "that catches your attention, and good characters that are believable. If those two criteria are met then you are probably within the top half per cent of screenplays. Then there's good structure and, for us at Working Title, commerciality."

Shivas knows he can start getting excited when the script has "interesting characters, who usually have some ambitions, who are setting out on a course of action; scenes where they don't necessarily talk a great deal, where there is some inner clock ticking — though that doesn't mean it has to be a thriller."

Repetition is Shivas's early warning system for disappointment: when the script starts telling you things you already know. "People start telling each other what they already know, or telling you things you don't need to know. Scripts where the characters are called 'Man 1' and 'Man 2', 'Woman 1' and 'Woman 2'. Scripts that are set in no particular place."

For David Aukin, executive director of the National Theatre until he took over Channel 4's drama and film output in 1990, the sign of a good screenplay is whether the writer has an individual voice. "All our most successful films show this at an early stage. It's no coincidence that the three Oscar nominations we got this year were all for screenplays. For us that's the beginning, the middle and the end."

What else? "It's important that people should be true to themselves," he says. "You can't second-guess an audience. Or Hollywood. Even as successful and 'Hollywood' a film as *Forrest Gump* was turned down by every studio in Hollywood. It was only made because Tom Hanks wanted to make it.

"One of the essentials of screenwriting is the power of the narrative — people fighting off sleepiness because they want to know what happens next. To get it right needs hard work. You can't just toss it off."

"Try it out on your friends," advises Aukin, who gets perhaps 5,000 film scripts and outlines a year — some from writers known to all of us, others known only to their mothers. "As soon as you see their eyes glaze over, then you know it's time to start again. Audiences are much more sophisticated than people give them credit for. They are used to taking in narrative: TV commercials tell a whole story in 30 seconds."

Heyman detects the whiff of a stinker when she collides into "over-writing, over-elaboration, over-exposition. The characters have to be clear from what they do. Learn to pare down. Realise that the camera can speak. A glance, a reaction, the back of a head can also speak. And don't give everything away in the first five minutes. Make me want to turn the page."

JOE JOSEPH

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Grey areas exposed in the high street

RADIO REVIEW

HOW much influence does radio have? Outside the political sphere, I suspect the answer is "not much". If that is correct, then programmes that expose practices which adversely affect the listener are not serving any purpose beyond informing the listeners that they are being sinned against and giving the programme-maker good feelings. These are not small achievements but it is a pity that the larger achievement of getting something changed appears to be left, in broadcasting, to television.

I doubt, for example, that anything much will come of Tuesday's **Face the Facts** (*Radio 4*). But that something should come of it cannot be in doubt.

The programme's theme was competition policy in business and it demonstrated that high street competition is often a joke. Consumers have known this for some time, for as we prowl the high street in search of a television, say, we soon discover that when it comes to pricing the main shops seem to be in some sort of psychic communion.

In one case, *Face the Facts* took a particular television set, which one could buy for as little as £499 in one shop or, er, £499 in another, and then went off to London's favourite electric bazaar, also known as the Tottenham Court Road. There, the television could be bought for £425. The dealer had got it through the "grey market", which is perfectly legal but frowned on by manufacturers. So frowned upon that the dealer could not risk advertising the television at that price, because if he did the manufacturers would send a man around to tell him off.

We also learnt that the high street chain Boots can sell what we call perfume but what Givenchy, Estee Lauder *et al* call "fine fragrances", but the high street trader Superdrug cannot, except through the grey market. Why? Because the fragrance-makers do not think Superdrug has the "right image".

Can something be done about this nonsense? Not by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, which has recently become moribund. So moribund that whereas seven years ago the MMC forced brewers to let other beers into their tied pubs, it recently ruled that the refusal of Walls to let other ice-creams into shops it supplied was not against the public interest.

Nor is there much hope from the Office of Fair Trading, which is toothless. Indeed, as *Face the Facts* showed, the European Commission can walk into a British shop without notice and demand to see the books, but the OFT apparently cannot.

This is scandalous. Something should be done. Perhaps all those late-opening high street electrical goods shops had their price-fixed radios tuned to *Face the Facts* and will now, all shame and contrition, start slashing prices willy-nilly. Dream on.

PETER BARNARD



THE TIMES

Win the chance to be a Hollywood scriptwriter

The Times starts a competition today to find the country s brightest and best filmwriting talent.

First prize is an all-expenses-paid trip to Hollywood with introductions for the winner to pitch their script to key executives at the major studios. Accommodation will be at the famed Chateau Marmont Hotel, haunt of screenwriters on Sunset Boulevard.



The first five runners-up (and the winner) will be given places at workshops run by the judges to help develop their scripts. Five more runners-up will each win a place on one of the UK screenwriting courses run by Robert McKee, among the best-known Los Angeles film teachers.

The competition judges are at the top in British film-making. They are: David Aukin, head of drama at Channel 4 Television; Tim Bevan, managing director of Working Title Films; Norma Heyman, managing director of NFH Productions; and Mark Shivas, who commissions about 20 films a year for BBC Television.

Our hunt for talent is in earnest. Tim Bevan says: This competition puts the finger on our weakness in Britain. We ve got directors, actors like Anthony Hopkins, Hugh Grant, Daniel Day-Lewis and Emma Thompson. We have funding. And great technicians. What is lacking is the writing for the cinema.

The competition is open to anyone aged 16 and over, writing in the English language, who has no feature-film credits in the professional cinema.

HOW TO ENTER

Send us a 100-word selling paragraph for your film which includes the title; a treatment of not more than 750 words incorporating story, characters, structure and genre; plus one simple scene with dialogue. Original film treatments only will be considered; adaptions or wholly animated films are not eligible. Enclose four of the six tokens we are publishing over the next week on page four or five of the newspaper. Your name, address and daytime telephone number must be on the first sheet of the treatment. The judges decision is final.

Entries must be typed and double-spaced. A stamped-addressed envelope must be enclosed if you wish your entry to be returned. Send your entry to *The Times* Screenwriting Competition, PO Box 2248, Colchester CO2 8NQ. Normal Times competition rules apply; rules sent on request. Closing date for entries is first post on Monday, June 26 1995.

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The competition organisers, and judges on behalf of their respective organisations, make it clear that any submitted entries are for the purpose of the competition only. In addition, none of these parties can accept responsibility or liability in respect of any future production which may inadvertently bear a resemblance to any treatment or script submitted.



■ NEW FILMS 1

One director pays homage to another: Tim Burton's *Ed Wood* takes a generous look at a terrible film-maker



■ NEW FILMS 2

The engagingly titled *Sexual Life of the Belgians* proves to be more eccentric than erotic

THE TIMES ARTS



■ NEW FILMS 3

Buddies pool their clichés about how to handle divorce and mid-life crisis in the bland *Bye Bye Love*



■ NEW FILMS 4

With Christopher Lee in classic form, *A Feast at Midnight* explores the quirks of boarding school life

Loser – and still champion

CINEMA **Geoff Brown** on *Ed Wood*, the tale of a man who thought he was a great director, told by one who is

Perfect, print it! So beams film director Edward D Wood Jr as the 400lb Tor Johnson, a man once decribed as more living prop than actor, bangs into a door frame in a studio the size of a small garage. So another scene is popped in the can for *Bride of the Atom*, one of the Z-grade follies of the man anointed the world's worst director; and another delightful moment in Tim Burton's wonderful biography **Ed Wood**, which plays in competition at Cannes tomorrow.

Wood's enraptured response to the business of making his movies serves as one of the film's running jokes. While bad actors struggle to spit out his clumsy dialogue, he mouths the lines reverently, as though they were Shakespeare. The joke is never cheap, never at Wood's expense: Burton and his lead actor Johnny Depp paint an immensely endearing picture of a sweet-natured man with an interesting taste for high heels and angora sweaters, blissfully ignorant of his lack of talent and determined to make his movies his way.

Undoubtedly this is a romantic conception of Wood, a director who toiled in deserved obscurity during the 1950s, declined into pornography and died in 1978, just too late to enjoy his slow ascent to cult status. Burton hides the more sordid facts. He prefers to view Wood as a cockeyed visionary, a man who believes himself blood brother to Orson Welles, not a merchant of sleaze with a genius for ineptitude. Wood seems equally blood brother to Burton himself: you can feel the bizarre creator of *Edward Scissorhands* reaching out to caress this misfit from the industry's shadows.

Ed Wood
Lumiere, 15, 127 mins
Wonderful story of the world's worst film-maker

The Sexual Life of the Belgians
Metro, 18, 80 mins
Laid-back, quirky sexual odyssey

Bye Bye Love
Warner West End
12, 105 mins
Facile comedy for male baby boomers

A Feast at Midnight
MGM Trocadero
PG, 106 mins
Whimsical happenings at an English boarding school

Richie Rich
Warner West End
PG, 95 mins
Macaulay Culkin's last gasp?

Burton's homage is awesomely reverent and exact, and shot, of course, in authentic black-and-white. Here is the set from *Plan 9 from Outer Space* (the master's worst, or best, achievement): mist, wobbly gravestone and all. Here are the famous mismatched lighting and the goofy dialogue, flatly enunciated. Here, too, are near-perfect replicas of the crazy entourage who propped up Wood's casts: Jeffrey Jones as Criswell, the camp astrologer with soaring silver hair; George "The Animal" Steele as Johnson, the living prop, and Bill Murray as Wood's waspish friend Bunny Breckinridge, who could not quite manage a sex change although he went to Mexico to try.

But *Ed Wood* does more than tickle a film buff's fancy with fond re-creations and in-jokes. It also triggers unexpected, powerful emotions. The reason lies with the pride and glory of Wood's troupe, Bela Lugosi, magnificently incarnated by Martin Landau. Wood, ever star-struck, befriends the former Dracula, and shepherds him through morphine addiction, hospital treatment and the loss of his unemployment cheques. Visibly decrepit, and liable to froth at the slightest mention of Boris Karloff, Lugosi still clings to his dignity, as he clings, incongruously, to two pet chihuahuas. The portrait is deeply touching.

So is Wood's devotion to Lugosi. As Wood's wife Kathy (Patricia Arquette) observes, "Ed's the only man in town who doesn't pass judgment on people." "That's right," Ed chirps with his winning smile. "If I did I wouldn't have any friends." Burton's film is equally imbued with tolerance: one more reason why *Ed Wood* is a little masterpiece, and the best American film so far this year.

Wood, one feels, might enjoy a chat with Jan Bucquoy, *agent provocateur* of the Belgian cultural scene, author of raunchy comic strips and the founder of Belgium's Museum of Underpants. He has now turned cinema director with **The Sexual Life of the Belgians**. But anyone expecting shock upon shock will be disappointed. This autobiographical tale of Bucquoy's first 28 years treads very gently through the hero's obsessions, from his early exposure to Joan Crawford in slacks in the film *Johnny Guitar* to multiple bed-hopping, a disastrous marriage and partnership with an inflatable doll.

Bucquoy's manner of directing is plain, but his simple shots resonate with atmosphere. The provincial homestead is tidy and funereal, drab furniture arranged just so. Ultimately the hero finds another base in a bohemian Brussels bar in the 1960s, where customers spout sound poems and political activism thrives. The film's laid-back style also stems from Bucquoy's adult stand-in, actor Jean-Henri Compère, bulky in build, despondent in looks: think of Stephen Fry on a bad day. Bucquoy's funny and individual film, the first in a planned trilogy, is an unexpected pleasure.

Life returns to the treadmill with **Bye Bye Love**, a mostly wearisome Hollywood comedy clearly conceived by and for male baby boomers. Three recently divorced dads head the plot; retro sounds fill the soundtrack, while the jokes deal with former wives, new girlfriends, and weekend custody of the kids.

Director Sam Weisman is no visual stylist: watching the film is like peering at a garish television sitcom, or, occasionally, an advert for McDonald's.

Over to Britain for Justin Hardy's **A Feast at Midnight**, a gauche but oddly entertaining film set in an English boarding school. Robert Hardy is the benign headmaster, Christopher Lee (*see feature below*) the ogre of a Classics teacher whose tastebuds wilt at the thought of the cook's tofu lasagne.

But this is principally the children's story: a whimsical story of a lonely new boy, scion of a famous gourmand, who finds his feet by establishing a secret feasting society. Freddie Findlay, the ten-year-old star, has the bland innocence of Mark Lester in *Oliver!*. As for the veterans, they clearly enjoy partaking in something different — so different, indeed, that one wonders what the film's intended audience is.

A far more artful child performer, the fast-ageing Macaulay Culkin, disfigures the screen in **Richie Rich**, a redundant comedy directed by Donald Richie and inspired by the antics of a comic book family. Richie's parents — philanthropic, happy zillionaires — appear amiable enough, but their offspring is most unpleasant. During the plot this cosseted boy learns the value of friendship with moneyless kids; hard to square this with the Culkin money-making machine, or the film's dull, expensive trappings.



The ever-enthusiastic director Ed Wood (Johnny Depp) pitches yet another dead loss of an idea in Tim Burton's brilliant tribute to the king of the Z movie

David Robinson talks to Christopher Lee, schoolmaster of the macabre

Hammer head

Christopher Lee's role as a tyrannical Classics master in *A Feast at Midnight* brought back memories of the terrifying teachers of his youth. "I based the character mainly on a master at Wellington. He was a bit of a bully — I think he'd suffered shell-shock in the First World War. When I met him again after the Second World War *he* was the nervous one. I think a lot of these men were really very kind underneath: vulnerable, just like my character in the film. Few were real sadists.

"Schoolmasters all have their acts. They use them to keep discipline. My maths master was A.F. Buckley, a brilliant man. He wore little glasses, didn't shave well, always had a cold and took snuff. If you gave the wrong answer he had a stock response: 'Never heard of it!'

"Then there was the house master who would abuse us: 'Look at this offal! Look at this ullage they've landed me with!' We didn't know what ullage was, but we knew we were being blasted.

"I can sympathise with the Rapter — that's the nickname of my character in *A Feast at Midnight*. If you're dealing with Classics, you're dealing with the rhythms of meticulous languages. When he goes into a rage it is partly to get results, but partly real hurt, because some wretched boy puts wrong words into the mouth of Cicero."

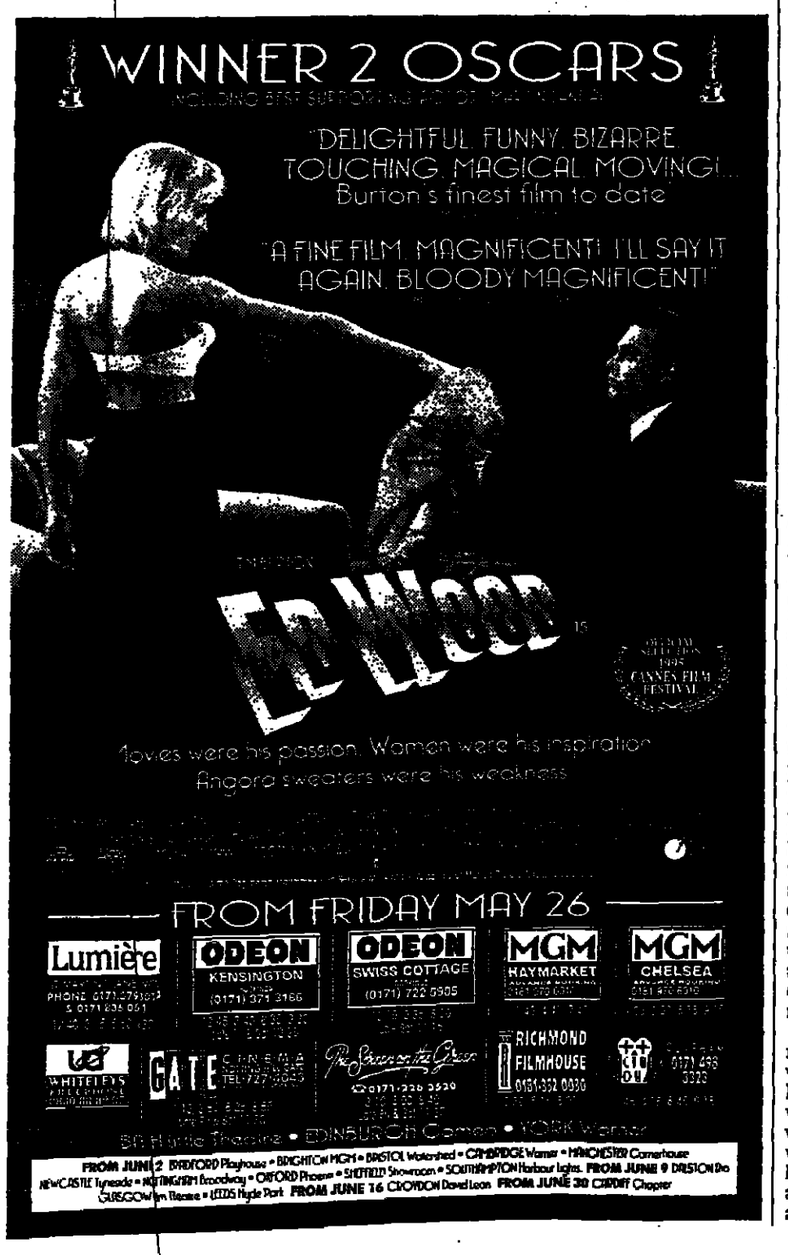
Playing the Rapter "was interesting — it even gave me a chance to do slapstick. I don't mind that people still associate me with horror roles — I'm proud of those old Hammer films — but it's 20 years since the last of them, and I have been in 232 other films.

"I've always tried to do something unexpected, unconventional. In an American TV film not long ago I played a businessman who was also the head of a gang of gay Hell's Angels. The interesting challenge is to convince people, whatever it is you're doing.

"The Americans tend to cast me in comedy. I think I'm really one of those Hamlets who wants to be a clown — although my clown would probably be rather like Lon Chaney's: on the surface a grimace, but underneath, the agony. I think you have to have opposites in every performance, in every character."

Has he ever played a really tragic character? "Yes. In a 1970 film called *I, Monster*. I never understood the title, because it was *Jekyll and Hyde*. All the characters had the names from Stevenson's book, except the main character who was called Marlowe and Blake. Jekyll is a tragic character, a man who cannot stop himself doing the most terrible things. I think I coined a phrase, 'the loneliness of evil'. That's something that makes a character truly tragic.

"I think that on the Hammer pictures our saving grace was our communal sense of humour. It was just because we knew it *could* be funny that we did it in such a way that it wasn't. Because we had that lightness of approach we were able to make it convincing. Its a sense of proportion."





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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE The joint is jumping again now that Clarke Peters's celebrated musical has bounced back into the West End. Opening night for a most welcome return.
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FIRE RAISERS First night of previews for Max Frisch's always timely parable on the one-step-at-a-time acceptance of tyranny. Lenka Udovicki directs a cast headed by Malcolm Tierney and Frances de la Tour.
Riverside Studio 2, Crisp Road, W6 (0181-741 2255). Tonight-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 4.30pm. Opens May 30, until June 17

TURNING WORLD The fifth annual dance festival gets under way this week, featuring Frankfurt's acclaimed S.O.A.P. Dance Theatre. Celebrations take in ten companies from Europe, Canada and Australia for a series of inventive work that pushes the barriers of contemporary dance ideas.
Place, Dukes Road, WC1 (0171-387 0031). **South Bank Centre**, SE1 (0171-928 8800). **Sadler's Wells**, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (0171-713 6000). Until June 17

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM Natalie Cole, the team of Elaine Paige and Michael Ball, Ned Sherrin, East 17, Mariss Jansons and BBC National Orchestra of Wales, and Andrew Davis and the BBC Symphony Orchestra are just some of the familiar faces taking part in **Music Live '95**. Five days of events are scattered across the city but if you can't be there or can't get a ticket, don't worry — it is all broadcast live on BBC Radio.
Ticket Hotline: (0121-782 3585). In person: Symphony Hall, Birmingham Rep, Town Hall, NEC Arena and Ticket Shop. Today until May 29

GLASGOW A coup for the Tramway: Robert Lepage directs his Dramaten production of Strindberg's **A Dream Play**. The actors are confined within a three-metre cube suspended above water; performances are in Swedish with English surtitles.
Tramway, Albert Drive (0141-227 5511). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm

MANCHESTER: Kent Nagano takes up the baton tonight for the last concert in the **Hallé Orchestra** season. Mozart's Symphony No 15 opens the performance, followed by Strauss's *Four Last Songs* and his grandiose tone-poem *Ein Heldenleben (A Hero's Life)*. Soprano Gundula Janowitz is the soloist.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (0161-834 1712). Tonight, 7.30pm

WATFORD A rich idler's sudden love for sensible Sally on the golf links is the starting-point for **Good morning, Bill**. Martin Connor directs P G Wodehouse's play, apparently adapted from the Hungarian.
Palace, Clarendon Road (01923 819684). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm, opens May 30, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 3pm. Until June 17

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Allen Jones: Graphic Retrospective (0171-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Two Panels from the Ceiling of Henry III's Painted Chamber, Palace of Westminster, Room 42 (0171-636 1555) . . **Design Museum**: Frank Lloyd Wright in Chicago (0171-407 6261) . . **Festival Hall**: Art Unlimited: Multiples of the 1960s and 1990s (0171-928 3002) . . **Hayward**: Landscapes of France: Impressionism and its Rivals (071-928 3144) . . **National Gallery**: Gombrich on Shadows (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: The Road from 1945, Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . **Serpentine**: Mark Wallinger (0171-402 6075) . . **Tate**: Turner in Germany: British Sporting Art (0171-887 8000) **V&A**: Picturing Plants. A History of Botanical Illustration (0171-938 8500) **Whitechapel**: Guillermo Kuitca (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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□ **AFTER EASTER** Religious visions precipitate a Catholic Ulster woman's breakdown in Anne Devlin's only intermittently moving drama. With Stella Gonet.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm ◪

□ **DESIGN FOR LIVING** Rachel Weisz, Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico in Coward's *menage a trois* comedy. Sean Mathias's sexual rough and tumble award-winner.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm ◪

□ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI** Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in Webster's tragedy of incest, murder and the borderland of the mind.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1746). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

□ **HOT MIKADO** Jazz and jitterbug version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with Nanki-Poo a trombone player in a local big band and Yum-Yum a doo-wah singer. Smash hit musical direct from Washington DC.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5044). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun, 3pm

□ **THE KILLING OF SISTER GEORGE** Miriam Margolyes plays the tweedy soap heroine in Frank Marcus's excellent comedy with a bite. Serena Evans and Josephine Tewson play her treacherous companion and boss.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (0171-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm

◪ **I'M SO BIG** Billed as a brutally comic fable about a boy growing up in Central Europe, bewildered and betrayed. Presented by Told by an Idiot, created by former members of Trestle, Complicite and the David Glass Ensemble. Likely to be a rewarding evening.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, Sun 6pm. Until June 11 ◪

◪ **OUT IN THE COLD** New version of *Draussen vor der Tür*, Wolfgang Borchert's despairing view of life as experienced by a soldier back in Hamburg from the Russian front. Director Margarethe Forsyth will accentuate the cabaret element in the first play from post-war Germany.
Greenwich Studio, Prince of Orange, 189 Greenwich High Road, SE10 (0181-858 2862). Previews tonight and tomorrow, opens Sat, all at 8pm

□ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS** O'Casey's tremendous tragi-comedy, in a justly acclaimed revival by Joe Dowling's all-Irish company.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5510). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **TRUE LINES** Beautifully acted devised play of tragi-comic tone: four young Irish travellers, uneasy on four continents and looking for guidelines.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm

□ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (0171-867 1044) . . ◪ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . □ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) . . ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (0171-416 6060) . . . □ **In Praise of Love**: Apollo (0171-494 5070) . . ◪ **Indian Ink**: Aldwych (0171-416 6003) . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (0171-434 0909) □ **Mama I Want to Sing**: Cambridge (0171-494 5080) . . ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) □ **My Night With Reg**: Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . ◪ **A Passionate Woman**: Comedy (0171-369 1731) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (0171-494 5400) . . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (0171-344 0055) . . ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **DON JUAN DEMARCO** (15). Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

ROB ROY (15) Lavish but lusty epic, with Liam Neeson as the Scottish folk hero and Tim Roth heading the baddies. Michael Caton-Jones directs, with Jessica Lange, John Hurt and Brian Cox.
Odeon Leicester Sq (01426-915 683)

◆ **STREET FIGHTER** (12) Mindless action thrills, from the popular video game, with Jean-Claude Van Damme and the late Raul Julia.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **BULLETS OVER BROADWAY** (15) Diverting Woody Allen comedy set in New York's theatre world of the 1920s. With John Cusack, Chazz Palminteri, Dianne Wiest.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Gate** ◪ (0171-727 4043) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (0171-435 3366)

◆ **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** (15). Adventures of three Irish girls in the 1950s. Highly conventional, slightly charming, with Minnie Driver and Chris O'Donnell.
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CLERKS (18) Rough-edged, funny American comedy about a day in the life of a convenience store assistant. Promising debut for young writer-director Kevin Smith.
Clapham Picture (0171-498 3323) **Metro** (0171-437 0757) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030)

◆ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL** (15) Bogus epic about a Montana family early in the century. With Brad Pitt, Aidan Quinn and Anthony Hopkins.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

LITTLE WOMEN (U) Fresh, tender, feminist version of the 19th-century classic, with Winona Ryder, Susan Sarandon, and Gabriel Byrne.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **MGM Tottenham Court Rd** (0171-636 6148)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG) Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer, with Helen Mirren and Ian Holm.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MURIEL'S WEDDING** (15): Ugly duckling becomes swan in P J. Hogan's boisterous, queasy Aussie comedy.
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◆ **ONCE WERE WARRIORS** (18) Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
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◆ **OUTBREAK** (18). Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
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◆ **THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION** How to survive long decades in prison. Engrossing drama with Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.
Odeons: Mezzanine ◪ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

Prisoners of the blackout

THEATRE

Absolute Hell
Lyttelton



(From left) Richard McCabe, Pip Torrens, Greg Hicks, Judi Dench, Peter Woodthorpe and William Osborne find themselves left behind by a changing world in *Absolute Hell*

THIS was not the last play Rodney Ackland wrote, but its atrocious reception by the London critics in 1952 — when it was titled, in a slightly different version, *The Pink Room* — sapped his creative juices so that its production was the crisis and climax of his career. He was only 44 and lived another 40 years, not writing the plays that might have developed from it.

The Royal Court revolution of 1956, which swept drawing-room comedy into the dustbin, carried Ackland away with the spring-cleaning. That was most unfair, since his style of writing was tougher, more perceptive and less reassuring than the stuff that gave British theatre of the 1930s and 1940s such a bad name.

Absolute Hell is a striking example of his thoroughly unconventional stance. It is set in a West End drinking club, La Vie en Rose, on three days in the summer of 1945, and its last scene coincides with the declaration of Labour's victory in the general election. In the house across the road Labour supporters are toasting the start of a political era, but in the club an era has ended. The building has been declared unsafe, the licence has not been renewed, and Christine, the middle-aged owner running to fat (Judi Dench), is left alone, angry and terrified.

The events we have witnessed taking place under her aegis are far from being a cosy celebration of London pluck in time of war and newly-won peace. That is the conventional and popular approach of Coward — where lovable Cockneys show grit, and artists, generally actors, are terribly brave. The habitués of La Vie en Rose cope with discomfort by denying its reality with drink, sex and pipe-dreams.

Ackland's discarded subtitle for the play was *The Escapists*, and he assembles a rich collection of Bohemians to strut and loll and flop under the glittering pink chandelier. Most have sapped their potential, but one — and not the least likely, which would be a cliché — finds an alternative to idle reverie and bitchiness. For outside the rose-tinted confines of the club the horror of the Nazi death camps has been uncovered, and news of a survivor is one of the many stories woven into the play.

Ackland's style draws on the example of Chekhov with every character coming into each scene, however briefly, and the intricate splicing together of so many different lives gives the play its remarkable richness. It is a little long, although only a little, and directed with distinction by Anthony Page as he shifts the mood between comedy and dismay.

In a cast that includes strong performances from, among others, Sheila Burrell, Peter Woodthorpe and Pip Torrens, two particularly stand out: Dench's edgy Christine, on the cusp between the busty and the blowsy, desperate for anything to keep solitude at bay; and Greg Hicks as Hugh, the author, ridiculously apologetic, his backbone rippling with anxiety, voice darting after random thoughts.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Touches of insight

RECITAL

Ivo Pogorelich
Festival Hall

ECCENTRIC genius or over-promoted charlatan? The pianist Ivo Pogorelich is certainly heavily promoted, but he is, I am convinced, no fraud. On the other hand, although his playing is irradiated with flashes of genius, it lacks the consistency and good judgment expected from a truly great artist.

His curious Festival Hall programme on Tuesday night consisted of Mussorgsky and Chopin only: the former's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, the latter's Prelude in C Sharp Minor Op 45 and the Four Scherzos.

The frustrating thing about Pogorelich's playing is that it can be so good. But invariably the effect is squandered by some ill-conceived gesture: often a phrase whisked away before it has had a chance to register, or — Pogorelich's besetting sin — ugly tone produced by the thumping of notes or chords.

The most successful movements of *Pictures* were an agile *Les Tuileres*, a light, nimble-fingered *Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens* and a dazzling *Market at Limoges*. There were some disruptive hiatuses in *The Old Castle*, however, and some unsettling mis-hits and lapses of memory — most spectacularly in the final moments of *The Great Gate of Kiev*, where some 20 bars were omitted.

The second encore turned out to be another attempt at the end of *Pictures*. This time the Great Gate was swung open to its full extent, though there were still some individual Pogorelian harmonies that I suspect Mussorgsky would not have considered an improvement.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Kong back on song

OPERA

The Second Mrs Kong
Glyndebourne

POOR Rossini had to wait 158 years for a revival of his *Ermione*, a long time even for someone born on February 29. Harrison Birtwistle has been luckier: his latest opera, premiered only last autumn by Glyndebourne Touring Opera, joined the summer Festival repertory on Tuesday before a full and appreciative house. The bad — no, tragic — news is that BBC cuts mean the promised telecast of this important British opera has gone down the tubes.

Tuesday's performance, while in no sense a disappointment, did not quite have the impact of the October premiere. The playing of the London Philharmonic under Elgar Howarth was hugely impressive, but did seem awfully loud compared (if memory serves) to the slightly finer sound of the touring band. Fewer words were audible, both for this reason and because the singers know the text well by now and perhaps forget that audiences don't.

Then there is the apparently random amplification of voices, rather more marked than before: nothing is more calculated to muddy diction. Heedless amplification has more or less killed off popular music theatre, and it would be a pity if it were allowed to do the same upstairs: in this respect (but no other) Birtwistle is in danger of becoming the Andrew Lloyd Webber of opera.

These are rectifiable details: *Mrs Kong* remains a spellbinding, original and rather surprising piece. After so much harrowing ritual from *Punch and Judy* onwards, it is odd — but nice — that Birtwistle should have composed so overtly romantic an opera. Of course certain concerns are further developed — journeys, repetition, Orpheus, beheadings, sudden death — but at the piece's heart is a sentimental love story told with wry good humour.

Kong establishes while watching himself on a video that he doesn't really exist, any more than his unlikely inamorata, Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring. When they finally meet all they can do is remember what they said to each other when surfing the net. In the world of the librettist, Russell Hoban, it isn't love that makes the world go round, but "the longing for what cannot be".

The muscular lyricism of the music, up to and including a finale of Straussian grandeur, the fineness of effects (the soprano of Pearl's Mirror mingling with Orpheus's countertenor), the jokes (telephone ringing insistently from the pit) the marvellous writing for saxophone and cimbalom, all are fresh, inventive and easy on the ear. And anyone still imagining that Birtwistle does not write gratefully for the voice will find living proof to the contrary in the beautiful phrasing of Philip Langridge in his quizzical, hugely touching performance as Kong, in the ravishing sounds made by Michael Chance as Orpheus, and in Helen Field's lustrous singing as Pearl.

The Tom Cairns/Aleta Collins production remains a bewitching combination of quirky wit and visual imagination, the whole magically lit by Wolfgang Göbbel. The show sounds and looks wonderful, it's funny and it's curiously moving. What more could you want?

RODNEY MILNES

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Good servant, bad master

Oliver Letwin is persuaded by a bold diagnosis of the State's threat to our liberties, but not by the cure

In an age when vague rhetoric and incomprehensible jargon predominate, bold and clear statements are at a premium: *Saturn's Children* falls firmly into the class of bold and clear statements. It is, moreover, in certain respects an unexpected work, since it advances a form of what I can only call puritan libertarianism. Its authors, Alan Duncan, MP, and Dominic Hobson (two notable Tory ideologues), believe passionately in the duty of the individual, the sanctity of marriage and family, the merit of hard work in small business, the glory of charitable association, and the divine origin of moral obligation. In these respects they are puritans.

SATURN'S CHILDREN
How the State Devours Liberty and Prosperity
By Alan Duncan and Dominic Hobson
Sinclair-Stevenson, £16.99

At the same time the authors abhor the State, public subsidy, and large anonymous corporations; they wish to free the individual from intrusive regulation and excessive taxation; and they argue for restraint on the part of the police as well as for the legalisation of drugs. In these respects they are libertarians.

The thesis — which ties together these two, ostensibly discordant attitudes — is negative in character and reactionary in conception. It is a polemic *against* the now commonplace assertion that Thatcherism is responsible for the dissolution of "society" and "community" in Britain. Duncan and Hobson maintain that the cause of decline in social and moral standards has been, not 15 years of Thatcherism, but 50 years of "social democracy" and "Christian socialism".

The burden of the authors' argument is that morality and civilisation can survive only in a society where individuals live, in the true sense, *together*. That is, where they accept responsibility both for their own lives and for the lives of other persons closely tied to them, through bonds of common purpose and affection, as in families, friendships and small, jointly owned or voluntary enterprises.

The authors claim that where these conditions are absent, morality and civilisation are under threat: lack of civic concern, crime, and violence will — they argue — inevitably follow wherever individuals, deprived of a genuine interpersonal life, live only as digits within large, anonymous corporations, shifting loosely through uncaring proxies for family life, devoid of firmly anchored standards and with little or no sense of control over their own existences in the face of the overwhelming power of the State.

Hence it is the duty of the State to withdraw from governmental intervention of the kind that suffocates or replaces the initiative of individuals or small platoons. At the same time it should reinforce by law and by fiscal encouragement the institutions within society that sustain the individual's sense of self and of true inter-personal duty: marriage, inheritance, small enterprise, voluntary association. This is the Socratic paradox by which Duncan and Hobson turn libertarianism into an argument for puritanism and vice versa.

The *manner* in which Duncan and Hobson make the argument goes, at times, beyond the bold and clear, verging on the eccentric. Witness, for example, this passage on the greatest philosopher of modern times: "It is now thought that Wittgenstein was clinically insane, but in their time his obscure ideas did much to destroy confidence in philosophy as a guide to right actions." To adapt a phrase of Mrs Thatcher's, this is wrong, wrong and wrong.

The positive "solutions" to the stifling of freedom and the collapse of morality advanced in the final chapter of the book are also — while in some cases helpful — too hastily sketched, and collectively too slight to match the grandeur and scope of the negative thesis advanced in the rest of the book.

It would be quite wrong, however, to carp excessively about these lacunae. The great merit of the work is that it contains the germ of two ideas that are at once unusual and profound: first, that government has as its true purpose the mission of reinforcing inter-personal moral relationships; and, second, that instead of fulfilling this purpose, government has in fact atomised society, by substituting the anonymities of the State and large enterprises for the true inter-personal institutions which arise from individual choice and individual effort. These are observations which will repay serious thought: they constitute, at the least, a far more interesting and fruitful response to our current social predictament than the trite clichés of the newly fashionable ideology of "communitarianism".

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One of the earliest posters for the London Underground, drawn by John Hassall and issued in 1908, one of many fine illustrations in *Designed for London: 150 Years of Transport Design* by Oliver Green and Jeremy Rewse-Davies (Laurence King, £19.95). The Underground, built and operated for decades with private capital, was not absorbed into state-run London Transport until 1933

The issue is always betrayal

Kate Hubbard

PUBLIC LIVES
By Melissa Benn
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

A novel set against a background of left-wing politics in north London during the 1970s and early 1980s promises little in the way of romance. But it is a tribute to Melissa Benn that she succeeds in illuminating any incidental drabness with her acute intelligence. In point of fact she is not concerned with party politics, but with the human issues of power and betrayal.

Public Lives, Benn's first novel, centres on the Martin family. Tom Martin is a greatly admired academic and hero of the Left, a man shining with integrity and charisma. In 1970 he stands as a candidate for the "Independent Justice Party". He lives in a tall, thin house in Camden, with his second wife Rachel, their two children, and his older daughter Sarah, from an earlier marriage. The story is told through the eyes of the aforementioned Sarah and Karen North, a young woman who seemingly appears out of nowhere as an assistant to Tom and glorified au-pair. For 11-year-old Sarah, Karen is a much-needed friend — until, that is, the moment when she suddenly and inexplicably disappears. This desertion is never forgotten by Sarah and comes to be avenged years later by her own act of betrayal.

Given that the author is the daughter of Tony Benn, it is perhaps not surprising that she writes with authority about the experience of growing up in a political family, where the telephone is forever ringing, streams of visitors, seldom friends, pass in and out, and family outings consist of leafleting the neighbourhood. Tom, adored by his students, is a remote father. Rachel is generally to be found heaving piles of laundry, or dispensing sandwiches with a faint air of martyrdom. Even allowing for authorial licence, life in the Benn household doesn't sound as though it was much fun.



Melissa Benn: acute intelligence

There is a sense of portentousness here which is never quite fulfilled by events. Karen is not some malevolent incubus, as is hinted, but merely a lonely, ambitious girl with a need for reinvention. She is persuaded, by a hard-line Labour Party member, to act as an informer on Tom. Though haunted by guilt thereafter, she actually fails to rake up any dirt, nor is she responsible for Tom's "troubles", which sabotage his dream of power and leave his family "to get on with an ordinary life that had once promised to be extraordinary". The "troubles" themselves are sadly pedestrian. But it is precisely this mundanity which lies at the heart of the novel.

Just as there are no grand acts of nobility or wickedness, the writing never soars. Though always readable, it remains fettered by a studied carefulness, a restraint bordering on constraint, which leaves you wishing Benn would allow herself a little more spontaneity. It is this, coupled with her cheerless message of fallibility and disappointment, rather than the dreary political meetings in church halls, or the unattractive collection of characters, which ultimately makes *Public Lives* an admirable but dispiriting novel.

Whom did Zeus send mad and whence did Hannibal come?

Richard Jenkyns

WHOM GODS DESTROY
Elements of Greek and Tragic Madness
By Ruth Padel
Princeton, £19.95

How odd it is that Greek tragedy has been thought to exemplify classical balance and serenity. The Greek dramatists deal with extremes of emotion. Sophocles's Ajax, driven insane, slaughters sheep and cattle, believing them to be his fellow Greeks. Orestes in Aeschylus's *Libation Bearers* has his mind filled with the Furies — not perhaps madness, but certainly a psychic invasion. The *Eumenides* of Aeschylus seems different yet again: here Orestes seems entirely sane, but the Furies, like hunting dogs, attack him from without.

In *Whom Gods Destroy*, a lively and provocative book, Ruth Padel acknowledges the wide range of troubled or deluded states of mind which Greek literature portrays, but she is too quick to lump them all into the category of madness. Her approach to this fascinating and difficult topic is largely through a detailed survey of the words the Greeks used for these states. At times she is illuminating, but there can be risks in too lexical an approach. "Mad about the boy", "he's completely maddening", "she was real mad at me" — a Martian historian would go badly astray if he judged English-speakers' understanding of madness from such usages. We must always be alert for metaphor, and for language's flexibility, wit and allusiveness.

It is a further problem that Padel is such an enthusiastic scavenger; she has a lot to get off her chest, and seems to feel that she must cram it all into the hold-all labelled "mad". The mad in tragedy are often raging, in Greek *mainomenos*. It does not follow that the raging are always mad. Padel turns raging Dionysus into a "mad god". That has a primitive, anthropological flavour, appealing to the modern mind, but it is wrong.

The heroes in Homer's *Iliad* sometimes rage on the battlefield, and Padel pronounces them mad too. That at the least lacks nuance, though it is true that Homeric warriors may get into a berserker state. She goes more clearly astray in handling the elusive word *ate*, something like "folly" or "delusion", which she describes as mental damage. Homer's Agamemnon insults Achilles by taking away his concubine, and later both these men, at different times, declare that Agamemnon was under the influence of *ate* sent by Zeus. But there is no question of madness, only of arrogance and foolishness.

One fascination of the Greek conception of the gods' influence on human decision-making is precisely that it flows across the boundary between psychic disturbance and bad judgment. Another warrior exchanges a precious set of armour for one worth less. A mad bargain, Padel says. No, just a bad one. An attraction of *Whom Gods Destroy* is its breadth of reference, expanding beyond the Greeks to more recent times, but when Padel takes us to "Christian folly" in the Renaissance she produces her biggest distortion of all. This is madness, she says. But she is dealing with Greek and Latin words which translate as "foolishness". There seems to be a simple confusion here between the two senses of the word "folly": "madness" and "silliness" or "stupidity".

The book is too loose in argument to work well as analysis; its chief value lies in its accumulation of multiplied detail. The manner is excited and highly coloured, the style theatrical. How much readers enjoy *Whom Gods Destroy* will depend on how far they warm to its author's romantic temperament. If she is an explorer, it is not as a surveyor, mapping new territory, but as one who wanders along a seashore, picking up pebbles and turning them over in her hands to observe their curious shapes.



The mad Colossus of Bomarzo (c. 1560), from *The Seven Wonders of the World* by John Romer (Michael O'Mara, £19.99)

Ross Leckie

CARTHAGE
A History
By Serge Lancel
Blackwell, £19.95

It was in the arduous struggle to defeat Carthage that Rome found herself. Through more than 300 years of war she forged those institutions and qualities that shaped the Western world, for good or ill, as we still know it.

What if Rome had lost? Based on Carthaginian and not Roman models, what would our world be like? Not since B. H. Warmington's 1969 *Carthage* has anyone written an account which might offer an answer. That great city, home to Dido and to Hannibal, heart of a vast trading empire even before Rome was founded, was utterly erased, its people scattered, its literature and language lost.

Patiently, meticulously, Professor Lancel reconstructs a vanished civilisation from what he admits are poor and scattered pickings. He clearly knows Carthage like an old shoe and loves it like a son. The key to his success lies in the range of his learning. He amasses all the evidence — literary, archaeological, numismatic, epigraphic, phonological — then sits as firmly on top of it as would one of his beloved "proto-Corinthian pot-bellied aryballoi".

The result is not for the faint-hearted. There are a lot of "sondages" and "scaraboeoids" in Lancel's "stratigraphy" and he assumes that readers will know their *bucchero nero* from their *sottile*. He cannot quite put down his archaeologist's trowel. Yet he does resist the besetting sin of his genre — forcing textual and archaeological evidence to agree. If, as with the question of the date of Carthage's foundation, they do not, he is content to say so.

There is great drama in his book. Indiana Jones appears in the form of Count Byron Khun de Prorock, digging furiously through Carthage's *tophet*, site of ritual infanticide. Then enter Père Delattre, a "red-haired and bearded colossus", tirelessly uncovering Punic cemeteries. There is even a villain, the mid-19th-century British consul in Tunis (regrettably unnamed) who demolished the great mausoleum at Dougga to get his hands on the inscription it contained.

Lancel guides us with a breathless but infectious enthusiasm. If his prose is sometimes clumsy, it may not have improved in Antonia Nevill's translation, while the 249 excellent and helpful maps and illustrations are too often marred by poor reproduction. The sections on Carthage's second Punic War against Rome are disappointing. The only thing Lancel has to add to de Beer's *Hannibal*, let alone to the ancient historians, is the undemonstrable conclusion that Hannibal never even hoped to destroy Rome.

Yet in several magisterial passages, Lancel contributes valuable insights into the nature of Carthage and the reasons for its failure against Rome. In its 650 years, he argues, Carthage never developed an identity of its own. Sitting uneasily between East and West, it was a melting-pot of cultures that proved, ultimately, unequal to Roman grit. Carthage was a head that never grew a body. Venice in the 16th century, Lancel rightly suggests, is a useful parallel.

Then, too, this book challenges the popular misconception of Romans as stolid plodders. Lancel points out how they first copied, then surpassed Carthaginian prowess at sea; how they absorbed the military lessons Hannibal taught them, and then beat the Carthaginians at their own game.

It is an epic story. Carthage has been for too long ignored: in its death was our birth. Both the generalist seeking to understand this process and the specialist seeking a full account of Carthage's archaeology will find much to treasure in this book.

Ross Leckie's first novel Hannibal *will be published by Canongate in October.*

Rooms to let in a spectral world

SO I AM GLAD is a romance, but a romance which has been so disturbed by its author's bizarre imagination that the theme of love often seems marginalised. This, Kennedy's third novel, is as much about isolation, detachment and fragmentation, as it is about the growth of a relationship.

The narrator, Jennifer Wilson, has what she calls "sentimental shortcomings". Her scarred childhood has left her emotionally barren. "Months and years burned away without changing what I came to see more and more clearly as an invincible lack of involvement on my part. Like manholes and poison bottles I was made to be self-locking."

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

SO I AM GLAD
By A. L. Kennedy
Jonathan Cape, £9.99 paperback original

She works as a radio announcer, a professional enunciator of news bulletins. Locked away behind the sound-proofed double doors of the recording studio with nothing but syllables for company, she retreats into the world of language. Words drift unanchored from their meanings. Her disembodied voice registers life with robotic dispassion.

Then into Jennifer's hermetic world comes someone even more alienated than herself. A lodger moves into her flat, a weirdly phosphorescent stranger struggling to recall lost memories. When he eventually declares that he is Savinien Cyrano de Bergerac, the 17th-century poet, nobody seems any the wiser. As Savinien puts it: "I am out of my time, or out of my mind, which seems a simple choice, but I can't make it."

Kennedy is more concerned to estrange than to explain. She uses her prose as a scalpel to dissect the urban existence of the 1990s. Even mundane events — laughing, crying, or eating yoghurt — are made to seem surreal. Kennedy's characteristically astute use of metaphor is witty and incisive, capturing the texture of a tragi-comic world. She traces that line where rationality teeters over into madness, laughter into cruelty. Her dark love story is always threatening to spin out of control into an abyss of perversion and violence.

But like the real Cyrano de Bergerac's novels, *So I Am Glad* is more than a type of science fiction. It is, rather, a political satire, pointing out the bleakness of a modern world where human feelings no longer count, where men can be satisfied by symbolic systems and exist in isolation from others. In this world, buying a poppy seems almost as good as preventing a soldier's death, while "politicians are able to sit by themselves and still make other people hurt".

YET THE satire has a redemptive message. As the episodic narrative rambles on, echoes of despair gradually fade. Jennifer and Savinien are drawn together. Feelings encroach on her clinical detachment, her words become weighted with meaning. Kennedy rehabilitates simple emotions in a fragmented and faithless world. Though disorientating, *So I Am Glad* is curiously inspiring to read.

Rachel Campbell-Johnston is on the staff of The Times.

A ticket for the peepshow

Clive Fisher

EXQUISITE CORPSE
By Robert Irwin
Dedalus, £14.99

"SURREALISM was and is a science dedicated to the revelation of the Marvellous in everyday reality," reflects Caspar, the painter turned narrator of this trim entertainment — a novel about disappointed love disguised as a memoir of bohemian London in the Thirties and Forties. Caspar's narrative in theory revolves around his membership of the Serapion Brotherhood (a British caucus of Surrealism), but in practice is devoted to his obsession with Caroline, the well-scrubbed suburban secretary he loves, loses and obsessively pursues.

At pubs or parties, Caspar and Caroline encounter various French Surrealists, including André Breton and Paul Eluard, and almost everyone in London now thought to merit a biography: the Sitwells, Orwell, Connolly, Herbert Read, Lee Miller, Kenneth Clark, Roland Penrose, Aleister Crowley, Henry Moore. At times one is reminded of one of those history paintings in which all the architects of a great congress or victory are crowded into tableaux, with a key below to identify them. Irwin's celebrities are generally silent; when they do speak they inevitably disappoint.

There are the watersheds as well. Caspar is our escort at the first Surrealist exhibition in 1936, the Festival of Britain, and even the Nazi exhibition of "Degenerate Art" in Munich — although here Irwin's writing falls short of his research and he turns his egocentric narrator into a didactic moralist. But he sustains his tone and atmosphere convincingly, and *Exquisite Corpse* often evokes the beery camaraderie of the Soho of Julian Maclaren-Ross.

Its inaccuracies place it beyond historical fiction. It is not mere nostalgia: Irwin never knew the years he describes. Nor is it a comedy about bohemian pariahs and surburban conformists: comedy requires characterisation and even Caspar is more symbol than personality. *Exquisite Corpses* is a conceit, playful yet discreetly ambitious, which teases its characters' assumptions, while reminding us of a time when intellectuals thought they could avert wars and artists manned the barricades in the defence of narcissism.

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Vicissitudes of an Anglo-Saxon wit

ANGUS WILSON
A Biography
By Margaret Drabble
Secker & Warburg, £20


PETER KEEN

Angus Wilson: his vanity was part of his vulnerability and led him to take himself too seriously

The infant Angus Johnstone-Wilson, dressed as Mary Queen of Scots, was often led to the block by his two older brothers in one of their more sensational theatrical games; they too became homosexual and for a while worked as male prostitutes in London. His father was something of a "stage-door Johnny" haunting the music halls of the late 19th century, and seems to have been equally shadowy and furtive in his financial dealings; his mother was rather more respectable, and made sure that everyone knew it. They were a cast of amateur actors, in other words, who moved from one set of rented rooms to the next in the purlieus of Kensington or Eastbourne.

This is a childhood to rival that of Charles Dickens in its literary possibilities, and it can confidently be said that Angus Wilson lived up to his early promise. He was described as "a small boy with huge blue eyes and yellow curly hair who talked all the time with great excitement at the top of his voice". The hair may, sadly, have changed colour, but nothing else altered for the next 70 years. In this substantial and interesting biography, Margaret Drabble devotes some 40 pages to her subject's earliest years: one could have read another 500 without being bored.

At Westminster he was known as "the boy with the hair", a cross between David Copperfield and Orphan Annie who told endless stories to his contemporaries and who patrolled the streets of London with the fascinated preoccupation of one who knows that he is exploring his birthright. It was what Drabble calls "the underworld of London" but, for Wilson, it was fast becoming the landscape of his imagination. This was his home. Like other London novelists he was to write vast and sprawling works in which magic and naturalism, fantasy and realism, are strangely blended; from Defoe to Dickens, from Blake to Moorcock, it is the true magic realism of the city and one which long precedes more fashionable works from South America.

He thought of becoming an actor, after a rather inconsequential time at Oxford, but instead he was employed as a "temporary assistant cataloguer" in the Reading Room of the British Museum. He was to remain there, in various capacities, for the next 18 years. George Gissing once considered the great library as "the valley of the shadow of books" but Wilson, a somewhat more histrionic figure, compared it to Bedlam and Mrs Jarley's waxworks exhibition. He is remembered still in his position at the central desk, looking and sounding like some macaw in a very small aviary. There was in fact always a strain of wildness in him, emerging in hysterical comedy or in strident anger. All his life he suffered from what Drabble calls a "precarious mental state", which is perhaps simply the state of genius.

It does not suggest a cast of mind entirely suitable for a librarian, however, but in a more sober moment he did manage to write an essay entitled *The British Museum in English Fiction*. There is in fact also a great deal of English fiction in the British Museum, and eventually Wilson himself took his place in the procession of novelists who have sat beneath the vast dome. He began seriously to write at the age of 34, which is a very good time to begin; he completed an excellent short story, *Raspberry Jam*, and at a stroke Angus Johnstone-Wilson became plain Angus Wilson.

There followed *The Wrong Set*, *Such Darling Dodos*, *Hemlock and After*, and *Anglo-Saxon Attitudes* — four volumes which, over a period of seven years in the 1950s, ensured that he became one of the most successful and fashionable novelists of that decade. He even became a celebrity and, inevitably, left the British Museum. Eventually he was enrolled as a senior lecturer at the University of East Anglia.

But then something began to happen. He lacked self-confidence, and as a result he took himself too seriously. He pontificated about the novel, as well as other subjects, and started writing long letters about his own work. At the same time, of course, he also started to worry unnecessarily about his reputation. He developed various mild forms of literary paranoia, and even began to read the newspaper reviewers. Margaret Drabble recounts a wonderful scene when he stormed out of a PEN dinner because he had not been seated at a prominent table. Yet his vanity (if such it was) was always part of a larger vulnerability and strangeness.

The novels may have suffered as a result. He seems to have thought of himself as George Eliot rather than Thomas Love Peacock, and began to introduce "great themes" with which to decorate his novels. He was a highly sophisticated, witty and instinctive writer but, like most other novelists, he did not have the kind of grand intelligence which would accommodate the development of ideas as well as characters or plots. His sojourn at the University of East Anglia could not have helped — fashionable theorising, and a certain form of mid-Atlantic criticism, only served to confuse and in certain respects to unnerve him.

So a familiar pattern emerges. He became a public figure, and so found a perfect excuse for not writing. Drabble naturally feels obliged to omit nothing which might conceivably be of biographical interest, so she details the endless round of conferences and lecture-tours upon which Wilson embarked in his middle years; but it has to be said that it is almost as exhausting for the reader as it must have been for the participants. Yet these details are instructive in one respect — they offer a frightening picture of a writer *not writing*, and frittering away his time on endless good causes. In the process Wilson seems out of focus because he himself was unresolved and unsettled. His position in English letters may already have been secure but, to him at least, it was not at all clear what it was.

His last years were very difficult. He believed himself to have gone quite out of fashion, although his study of Dickens should have reminded him that even the greatest writers must ride the roller-coaster of reputation in their own lifetimes. He was still very charming — sweet is perhaps the appropriate word — but he was ever more susceptible to paranoia and to occasional ferocious outbursts of rage. He often felt, as he told one friend, "isolated and alarmed". He became the prey to some form of dementia, and spent his last months in a Norfolk nursing home. But he was never really isolated at all — the true hero of this book is his companion, Tony Garrett, who nursed and protected him until the end of his life.

There is a book to be written on the partners of writers, those men or women who comfort and support the most difficult people while remaining firmly in the background. It would be true to say, from Drabble's account, that Wilson would not have been able to produce his work without the presence of Garrett beside him: he provided him with both security and love, without which the famous public novelist could not have survived. One thing has also become clear as a result of this voluminous and illuminating book — we are all in Garrett's debt, since Wilson's fiction truly will survive.

How Boswell discovered he was a Boswell

J.W.M. Thompson

ALL THE SWEETS OF BEING
A Life of James Boswell
By Roger Hutchinson
Mainstream, £17.50

JAMES BOSWELL'S LIFE OF JOHNSON
An Edition of the Original Manuscript
Volume 1 (1709-1765)
Edited by Marshall Waingrow
Edinburgh University Press, £75



Johnson, Boswell and his wife Margaret, who remarked: "I have seen many a bear led by a man; but I never before saw a man led by a bear."

James Boswell was something of a puzzle to his contemporaries, and he has remained so ever since. It is hard to imagine a man — a great writer, at that — more riven by his own conflicting qualities. He had a charm and good humour that could win him friends everywhere, but was capable of disgusting grossness too. He could be slothful and yet had periods of great industry. His love of dissipation was counter-balanced by his thirst for fame. He was full of contradictions, and there is no difficulty in accounting for the numerous books which try to explain him.

This latest is modest in aim; it offers a pleasant stroll over familiar ground rather than discoveries. But Roger Hutchinson is good company and one is quickly won over by his shrewd commentary and his intelligent, sympathetic approach to his subject.

Inevitably his main source is Boswell himself, through the *Boswell Journals*; it may well be that he will send some readers in search of those astonishing works of self-portrayal. Alas, it is a deplorable fact that they are now almost all out of print and in some cases very rare. A competent paraphrase such as this is not to be disregarded.

Hutchinson's title, *All the Sweets of Being*, is taken from Boswell's remark about the fits of melancholy which afflicted him. Even in the heat of youth, he complained, he at times felt like "one who has exhausted all the sweets of being". At other times he savoured those sweets with conspicuous enjoyment. This see-saw of emotions was an essential part of his nature. It was reflected, for example, in the constant battle within him between his proud Scottishness and his passionate attachment to the sophisticated life of London. Hutchinson illuminates this inner struggle by sketching a dismal picture of Edinburgh in the early years of the 18th century.

It was a stinking, dirty, unhealthy place and its citizens formed a narrow and restrictive society. After the Act of Union, but before the improvements effected later in the century, Edinburgh was "a crumbling, gangrenous shell". One supposes that any sensible man, let alone a restless spirit such as Boswell, would gladly have quitted it for the London of Johnson and Garrick and Reynolds and Wilkes.

Boswell also longed to make himself a "celebrated man" and this meant becoming a celebrity in London, that "field of genius", as he once called it. There were years of frustration when notoriety rather than fame seemed to be his fate. Then, late in life, came his two great books, his *Tour to the Hebrides* and his *Life of Samuel Johnson*. People wondered at the transformation of the drinker, womaniser and failed lawyer into a serious and admired literary figure: it was not the least of the puzzles about him.

But in reality (Hutchinson goes into this perceptively) Boswell had by then served a long apprenticeship to literature. He was a compulsive natural writer and he had already written not only those remarkable journals but also many essays, much journalism (often anonymous) and a vast correspondence. In all of this he developed his distinctive and original style, as engaging today as it was 200 years ago. When the journals were eventually published, in our own times, they showed that over the years James Boswell had become a great writer without anyone (not even Boswell) noticing it.

What has also become clear is the extreme care with which he wrote. The rakish chatterbox, always in danger of going over the top on social occasions, became a scrupulously careful and discriminating craftsman when he seized his pen, repeatedly refining and adjusting in search of a precise shade of meaning. The first volume of a projected four-volume edition of the manuscript of the *Life* (part of the Yale series of research editions of Boswell's papers) is an astonishing piece of work. Not only because of its rare scholarship, but because of the view it gives, in microscopic detail, of Boswell at work.

The original manuscript, which marvellously survives to this day, consists of more than a thousand pages of Boswell's handwriting, together with a similar number containing additional matter. He crossed bits out, introduced new thoughts, toned down some expressions and heightened others. One feels a pang of sympathy for the printer faced with these congested pages. All these variations are recorded, at who knows what cost in scholarly toil, in this handsome volume. The evolution of the book is laid bare.

This is a work only for the specialist, of course, but any reader of Boswell will be interested in the light such striving for perfection casts upon the character of the man. Most of his alterations were simply improvements in language, but others indicate second thoughts, as when the description of Mrs Thrale is seen to be modulated from "short, round and smug" to "short, plump and brisk".

We also see how much minor polishing Boswell gave to the utterances of Johnson himself. After his first draft, he frequently improved the words he had put into the Doctor's mouth. That is not to be complained of in so inspired and, as we now know, so tireless a biographer.

Quickening the dead

Philip Howard

THE LATIN AND GREEK POEMS OF SAMUEL JOHNSON
Text, Translation and Commentary
By Barry Baldwin
Duckworth, £55

Latin verse has diminished as a literary form since it was the queen of the English curriculum, and any VIP making a speech on prize-giving day attributed his success later in life to his schoolboy Latin verses. But it is still composed by some scholars and teachers.

P.G. Wodehouse claimed that he enjoyed Greek and Latin verses more than any other work at Dulwich College, which may explain his *curiosa felicitas* for the *mot juste*. James Joyce put a music-hall song, *Unfortunate Miss Bailey*, into a Latin poem which displays his gift for comic neologism. The delight of finding exactly the right dactyl or spondee, iamb or trochee, to fit the metre is more satisfying than solving a crossword puzzle. Echoes of ancient lines are a tag-dropping code between *literati*. And the precision of classic tongues can make poetry more concisely than the romantic rhymes and rhythms of English. Cyril Connolly said that Latin verses at Eton destroyed you for ever writing English poetry.

But neo-Latin verse was still a living literary genre until the 19th century. As Samuel Johnson believed that the highest form of English writing was tragedy, disproved by his long-suffering *Irene*, so his English verse would have been improved if he had released it from its Latin corsets. He also composed more than 200 poems in Latin and a few in Greek and once vigorously combated somebody who found fault with writing verses in a dead language, and laughed at Oxbridge for publishing collections of them.

Johnson insisted that Latin was the only appropriate language for formal letters of resignation. This would cause grief to today's departing ministers, some of whom find English hard enough, though there are scholars they could hire (there always have been) to turn the most salacious matter into the elegant obscurity of a learned tongue. Johnson also said that Latin was the only language for epitaphs and for medical topics.

This definitive edition of all Johnson's Latin and Greek verses (as well as reconstructions of the lost ones) by the Professor of Classics at Calgary is a labour of love as well as a feast of scholarship. The topics Johnson addressed ranged from a couplet in praise of a goat that had circumnavigated the globe with Sir Joseph Banks to a satire on an early radical feminist and a squib about the muddy quality of ale at Pembroke College, Oxford. He whiled away his sleepless nights during his last winter on earth by turning epigrams from the *Greek Anthology* into Latin. Two lines of Johnsonian Latin verse can be followed in the text by ten pages of punctilious commentary. Specimen: "There are over 70 cases of *pectore* in the fifth foot of a hexameter in Virgil, often with a concomitant verb of high emotion."

To modern curriculum managers who ask with a sigh, "What's it all for?", the answer is that anything that illuminates that Latin lover Samuel is interesting. All such scholarship on neglected fields is worth the midnight oil, for readers too. And some of the verses are high wit as well as moving.

An example is Johnson's translation of Joachim du Bellay's Latin couplet translating a Greek epitaph on a dog called Pompey:

Latratu fures accepi, mutus amantes
Sic placui domino, sic placui dominae

"I barked at thieves, kept quiet for lovers, and so pleased both my master and my mistress." Such things go better in the economy of Latin. The pity is that so few can understand their wit and beauty.

A condition of simplicity

POETRY

TO WRITE simply (as Somerset Maugham once said) *is as difficult as to be good*. Janet Lewis writes simply. Born in 1899, still living in rural seclusion in California as she has for most of her life, she would be revered in a better world.

Her new collection, **The Dear Past and other poems, 1919-1994** *(R.L. Barth, 3122 Royal Windsor Drive, Edgewood, KY 41017, USA, $15)*, has scarcely a line in it which calls attention to itself, yet it seems to me to contain work that will go on being enjoyed as long as there are readers left to delight in the real thing. The widow of Yvor Winters, a critic whose name came to stand for a severe if bracing classicism, she has perhaps been overshadowed by his reputation. Her one famous book is the short novel *The Wife of Martin Guerre* (1941), now acknowledged to be a minor masterpiece.

We live at the tag end of a century of strenuous poetical strivers, where ambition has often been mistaken for seriousness. Because Janet Lewis is quiet, hers is an easy voice to miss. Yet once heard, it is not an easy voice to forget. Her subjects are love and death and other matters of perennial importance, all treated with a singular wit.

Both in verse and prose she is concerned to assure us (as she wrote in the foreword to *Martin Guerre*) that over the centuries "the capacities of the human soul for suffering and for joy remain very much the same". Addressing Emily Dickinson, she praises that kindred spirit for her attention to *the lone particular*. She has attended similarly herself and, while she doesn't have Dickinson's power, I think she can be mentioned in the same breath without absurdity. Certainly, like Dickinson, Janet Lewis tells the truth but gives it a slant. The result is poems that are unmistakably part of the tradition, yet at the same time add a new note to it.

Anne Ridler, whose **Collected Poems** *(Carcanet, £25)* have just appeared, also writes simply. She is another self-possessed traditionalist. Love of her husband, love of her children, love of friends, love of God — these are her subjects. There is a persistent thread of erotic mysticism in her work, and I think at some point Charles Williams must have exerted a powerful spell. She has little gift for metaphor, which is a handicap, but the images she does manage to turn up have a warm translucency — they fit the sense, and what she means shines through. Her most ambitious and characteristic single poem is probably *A Matter of Life and Death*, a meditation on her son's development from embryo to manhood. Here are small successes, minor melodies, but the sweetest of them have a simplicity achieved without forfeit of honesty, and only those who know nothing of the craft will suppose them easily won.

Michèle Roberts and Sara Berkeley might be said to be still learning how to write simply, but both of them seem confused in interesting ways. The work in Roberts's **All the Selves I Was** *(Virago, £8.99 pbk)* returns again and again to images of flesh and fire, giving the sense of a passionate intelligence trying to understand experience intuitively. There is a confidence here which can be admired even when it leads into such a proliferation of metaphor that meanings become elusive.

I first came across the work of Sara Berkeley when I was helping to judge a short story competition and, still a schoolgirl, she submitted a story that suggested she was a born poet. **Facts About Water** *(Bloodaxe, £6.95pbk)* collects the pick of her first book of poems, published when she was just 19, as well as subsequent work. There is still something inchoate about her imagination, and something that seems improvised about her forms, with a result that often she writes poetry rather than poems, but lines like *I am asking green to heal me/or in some gesture/mutely to acknowledge me* may give some idea of her quality. I have no doubt that she possesses the innate poetic gift without which no amount of simplicity makes for goodness in verse.

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Patrick Dowling: "The better-known universities are adept at singing their own praises; we need to make the staff here realise just how good they are"

Technically at the top

Tony Dawe introduces the university that has come a long way from its Battersea origins

Finishing fifteenth in a league table might seem unimpressive, but when there are 52 teams in the league and you are top of your class the achievement becomes more remarkable. Surrey University can be proud, therefore, of gaining fifteenth place in *The Times Good University Guide* published last Friday, a position which makes it the highest-rated technological institution, above many long-established universities.

Its excellent graduate employment rate, high level of postgraduates and plentiful student accommodation all contributed to the university's highest-ever ranking. It can, however, make several other claims which might surprise first-year sixth-formers now considering where to apply for a place in higher education.

Surrey's links with industry, schools and colleges are so strong that 20,000 people are on courses, in addition to the 7,000 full-time students. The university awards 30,000 degrees every year, making it the third largest validating institution in Britain after the Open University and the University of Wales.

Its determination, in the face of government cutbacks, to seek alternative funding has been so successful that 60 per cent of its finances come from its own enterprises, including research grants, contracts with industry and profits from wholly-owned subsidiary companies, including the Surrey Research Park, one of only two in the UK owned and managed by a university.

Further funds from the European Commission and local authorities will make the university less and less dependent on handouts from the Education Department and better placed to face what Patrick Dowling, its new Vice-Chancellor, terms "more slings and arrows in the future". Just before the latest league table was published, Professor Dowling said that his aim was to get the university into the top dozen. "We have the people and the will to do it," he says. By now, he is setting his sights higher.

Created in 1966 out of the former Battersea Polytechnic Institute, and based at Guildford only 30 miles from London and its famous colleges, Surrey played a Cinderella role for years but now has "a very exciting future" according to Professor Dowling.

"It has the ethos of an older university with its strong commitment to teaching and research, but the advantages of the new with its entrepreneurial spirit and ability to position itself for the future," he said.

Professor Dowling left his post as head of civil engineering at Imperial College, London, to take over as Surrey's Vice-Chancellor last October and "feels at home with the university's strong engineering faculty".

He points out, however, the variety of courses available. "Most people still think of this as a university of science and engineering, but the department of humanities is better than many. It has inherited the vocational drive of the science and technology departments which we assumed from the technology college.

"We are strong in linguistics and international studies; our sociology department is one of the best in the country and we have a distinguished department of psychology which has been working closely with the police service on the motivation of serial killers.

"The performing arts department might be small but is of a high standard, and its work gives the local community an insight into the quality of the university."

The *Good University Guide* reports that Surrey's priorities are work experience and language competence. All students are encouraged to enrol for a course at the new European language centre and new engineering degrees have a language component. They also include leadership training, which takes students out and about around the county to face a variety of challenges and a course in the Brecon Beacons, complete with rock faces to climb and tiny caves to penetrate.

Most degrees last four years, with one or two half-years in work placements, often abroad. With more than 1,000 workstations, the use of computers is also common to all Surrey's courses.

Its hilltop site, within easy reach of Guildford town centre and fast links to London, make it attractive to students but also accessible to the community, with whom it wants to maintain a special relationship. "One of the first things I wanted to do when I came here was to improve communications both within the university and between the university and the community," Professor Dowling said. "I am keen to build a very solid support base locally and regionally to make people aware of what we are doing and to get them on the campus."

His staff are impressed at the way he has visited every department, not just to shake hands with students and lecturers but to listen to what they have to say and inspire them with his own enthusiasm. He is fond of telling people: "The better-known universities are adept at singing their praises; we need to make the staff realise just how good they are."

With 20,000 continuing education students at the university, the Vice-Chancellor is committed to working closely with schools and colleges in the county. "Further education colleges provide foundation courses for us, and it is important to discover how we can add value to one another," he said. "We might be a research-rich university trying to pursue excellence in teaching and research, but we recognise the need to encourage variety."

His major academic ambition at Surrey is to create an institute of health and medical sciences and develop it into a leading faculty embracing all the health professions within the next ten years, with a postgraduate research school attached to it.

Surrey already has a variety of expertise in fields such as medical imaging and biomechanics, and strong psychology and nursing departments. The next step is to establish links with regional health authorities and local hospitals to encourage more nursing graduates and the continuing education of general practitioners.

In the short term, the university is seeking planning permission for a further education building on the campus to provide bigger lecture theatres and additional language laboratories and computer facilities.

One-stop shop for a kit spacecraft

Poorer countries can now buy a satellite off the shelf, says **Rodney Hobson**

It belongs to Chile and it will be launched on July 20 by a Ukrainian rocket from a site in Russia, but the satellite is indisputably British in make and design. It is the handiwork of Surrey Satellite Technology Limited (SSTL), one of the companies owned by the University of Surrey.

SSTL was the brainchild of Professor Martin Sweeting, of the electrical engineering department. He recognised that while countries such as the United States were prepared to spend vast sums of money on space operations, other countries could buy satellites only if the cost could be brought down.

His notion was to accept a degree of risk by using technology that was believed to be reliable but had not been tried and tested in space research over a number of years. A company was set up to generate funds for more research. Now SSTL has a staff of 35 and annual turnover of £5.2 million.

Ed Milton, SSTL general manager and a graduate of the electrical engineering department at Guildford, says: "There will always be a market for the most expensive technology, such as for national security or telecommunications, where being without cover for a couple of days is disastrous.

"These systems are also expensive to run because a team of technicians has to monitor the satellites. Our spacecraft have autonomy. They tell us exactly where they are and they check in each time they pass over Guildford. We also keep the cost down by hitching a ride on someone else's launch. When the main satellite is released we detach from it."

SSTL developed a small satellite costing £1 million rather than hundreds of millions of pounds. The satellites it sends up orbit the Earth rather than stay in one fixed position. The whole planet is covered several times a day and messages can be sent up from one point on the globe, stored, and sent back to a different part of the world a few minutes or a few hours later. Mr Milton describes it as a flying mailbox.

He says: "We have made space technology available to countries such as Pakistan, Portugal, Chile and South Korea. A lot of countries recognised that there were advantages of being in the space race and understanding the technology involved but they did not have their own space industry. They realised that they could come here and buy a spacecraft from us and we would train them. They take the satellite back in kit form and two years down the line they can build their own satellite from scratch. There are not many ways of getting from nothing to being established in two years in any industry. Getting technical know-how is very important to developing countries."

Surrey University offers a one-stop space shop, designing, manufacturing and testing spacecraft, training the customer's technicians and operating the satellite. This also helps to hold down costs.

The Chilean spacecraft to be sent up in July weighs 50kg and is a metre long with a six-metre aerial. It will take photographs of the Earth and map the Antarctic ozone layer.

The autonomous satellite processes the photographs it takes and decides whether they are of good quality. If it is not satisfied, it takes more photographs and sends back the best ones.

Another use for an SSTL satellite has been to help doctors in Africa to gain access to information from a medical research charity in the Unites States. Mr Milton says: "If a doctor sees symptoms he does not recognise or needs advice he can send a request to a hospital in the US and have a large medical document relayed back to him the same day."


Surrey Satellite Technology turns over £5 million annually

Leaders learn the ropes

STUDENTS who join an engineering course at Surrey University may eventually find themselves dangling on the end of an abseil rope or squeezing through a tiny cave, *Tony Dawe writes*. For all 1,300 engineering undergraduates undertake an action centre leadership course and some go on to complete more exacting training in the Welsh mountains.

The leadership courses, like the opportunities for all students to learn computing skills and a foreign language, are part of Surrey's commitment to produce well-rounded graduates capable of stepping straight into demanding jobs.

"Kids come out of university with a technical background but put them in a team and they are lost. That is why we are running the courses," says Ron Schulz, senior lecturer in the chemical and process engineering department, which organises the training.

"We cannot teach everyone to be a good leader but it is important they learn how to work together instead of pursuing individual goals, which is what a lot of learning is about. We would like to see all undergraduates undertake leadership training."

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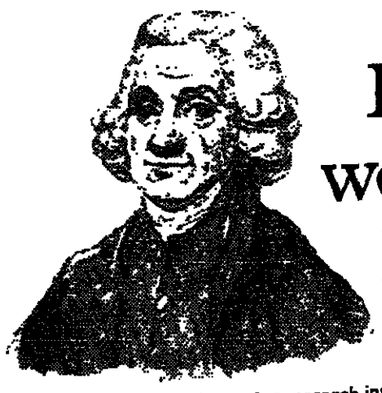
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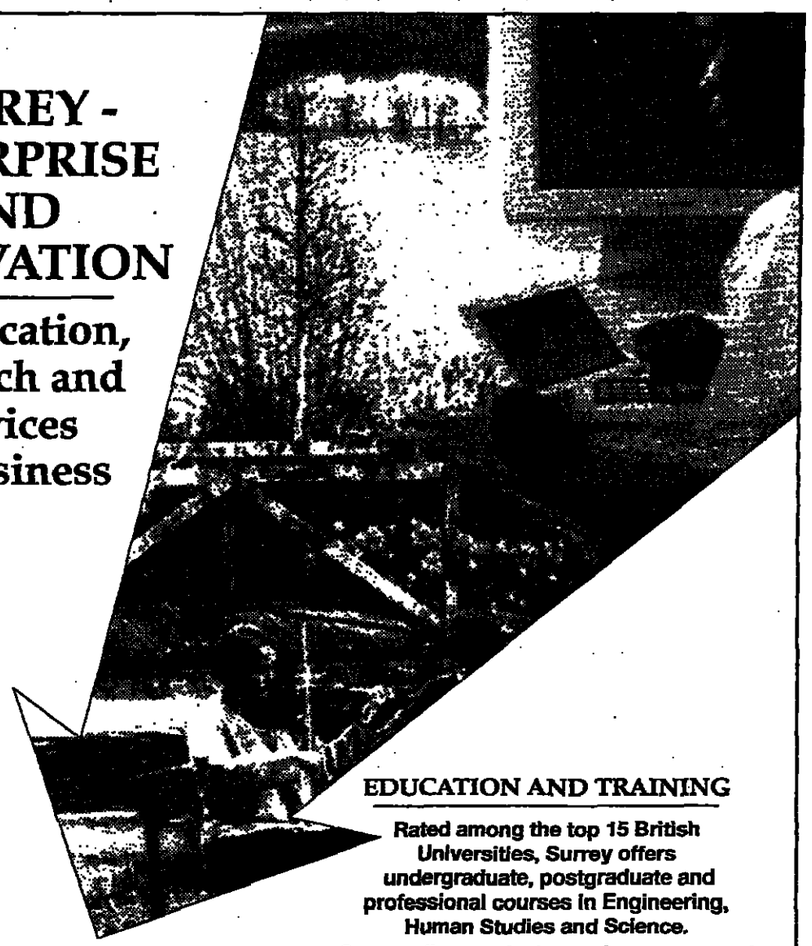
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Switch on to a tutorial

Tony Dawe explains why students are finding computer teaching more beneficial than lecturing

Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I'll remember. Involve me, I'll understand. This is the thinking behind a new approach to teaching undergraduates pioneered at Surrey University, which is replacing some lectures with computer programs.

The centre for engineering educational technology believes that computer-backed courses which encourage self-pacing, self-guidance and self-discovery are more beneficial for students than sitting for hours on end in crowded lecture halls.

The centre is open day and night for students to come in and work through tutorials at their own pace, and has proved both highly popular and effective. The new approach also allows staff more time to pursue research and new projects.

Tony Cartwright, the centre's director, explained that Surrey started looking at alternative teaching methods five years ago, after the National Engineering Council had voiced concern about the quality of engineering teaching.

"The university was expanding at the time and we began to consider how to attract more students and how to cope with the broader intake that would entail," he said.

"The changing pattern led to more mature students taking courses and to others taking part-time or retraining courses. Lecturers assume that students have the same backgrounds, the same skills, but that increasingly is not the case.

"With that background, we began to experiment with computer-based learning and to discover for what purposes it was best suited.

"We discovered that computer simulation would allow students to investigate how things happened and we developed courses with foundation programs on computer for first-year students."

The new approach meant a radical revision of teaching methods and a shift from the lecturer being the focal point of learning to playing a support role. Students found that the time they spent with staff was cut by 23 per cent, while staff found their time with students was cut by half, releasing them for what Dr Cartwright termed "more meaningful activities, like research which is a mainstream activity of the university".

Staff also felt that they were achieving more because instead of lecturing 100 students in one hall at the same time, they were able to sit down with a few at a time to see how they were getting on with the computer course.

> 'The capability of the computer as a tool in the education process is being realised'

Two of Surrey's eight core technical subjects are now taught by this method — electronics and solid body mechanics, which studies the stresses and strains in different materials. I sat down alongside Dr Cartwright to learn about solid-body mechanics and, with help from him and the computer, found it possible to grasp a subject I barely knew existed.

After a scene-setting lecture and a lively introduction to the subject involving collapsing oil-rig legs and crashing aircraft, students sit down in pairs at the computer to work through a number of cards.

Graphics at the top of the screen simulate what will happen if they apply different loads at different points to different materials, while course notes appear at the bottom of the screen. Any technical words which might be difficult to understand can be checked in a glossary available on screen.

As students progress, they can choose whether to move straight on to further problems or to read through briefing notes first. They are brought together for regular timetable periods with their tutor to discuss progress and common problems, but otherwise continue to work on their own.

The centre is keen to encourage the use of computers in teaching other subjects, including languages. It already supports a full multimedia course in energy and environment management, funded by Esso and run jointly with the Farnham Institute of Technology, and is leading a teaching and learning innovation group involving seven universities, with each one developing the use of computers in a different subject.

Surrey University has won many endorsements from leading engineers and industrialists who have visited the centre. Brian Hildrew, past president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, said: "At the centre, the true capability of the computer as a tool in the education process is being realised.

"The effectiveness of the developed procedures, particularly in the context of science and technology, is impressive. The better utilisation of staff time and the enthusiastic and stimulated involvement of the student in the learning process clearly demonstrate a major breakthrough to a most effective and economic way of educating the future workforce of our country."

NIKKI GIBBS



The excellence of the music department has been acknowledged by the Higher Education Funding Council, placing it among the top in its field

Award for music makers

REGARDED chiefly as a science and technology university, Surrey has just won an award in a different field. Its small music department, with 136 students and seven staff, has been given an "excellence" rating by the Higher Education Funding Council for England, which places it among the top music departments in English universities. *Tony Dawe writes.*

Surrey received special commendation for the high standards achieved by students and lecturers were praised for their "well-planned, professionally presented classes". The award provides further ammunition for Patrick Dowling, the new Vice-Chancellor, in his bid to make Surrey well-known for its arts as well as its science and engineering faculties. Surrey has an international reputation in music research, from ground-breaking studies on how expert performers interpret great music to space-age techniques for storing works. The department runs two courses, one on the theory and practice of music and the other entitled "Music and Sound Recording (Tonmeister)", the only one of its kind in the country.

The music award came after a four-day assessment by the council. They sat in on lectures, spoke to students, attended concert rehearsals, checked management structures and interviewed staff.

Tom Messenger, head of the department, found the experience well worthwhile, saying: "We believe we had a very good reputation before the assessment; it is pleasing to know this is now official." Students on the sound recording course operate a purpose-built studio and spend a year of their studies working in Britain or abroad in audio-electronics companies, post-production houses or in recording studios.

The music department has a good employment record with students going on to jobs in orchestras, composing, music journalism or setting up sound recording businesses.

Students on the rubbish heap

Engineers want to rummage through your dustbin

Educating engineers with an interest in human behaviour and concern for the environment might seem beyond the wildest dreams of campaigners at Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth. Yet it is actually happening at Surrey University in the centre for environmental strategy.

Founded less than three years ago, it has become a hotbed of research into the best use of resources, clean technology and the advantages or otherwise of recycling materials, where engineering graduates study such alien subjects as sociology and psychology.

One of the main threads in the centre's work is "life-cycle thinking", which means assessing the full environmental implications "from the cradle to the grave" of human activities, industrial processes, products and services, to take into account the materials used, energy required and waste created.

Further themes include how personal behaviour, lifestyle and views can affect the environment, and the promotion of clean technologies which provide benefits by using fewer resources and causing less environmental impact.

If all that sounds earnest, it can, in practice, mean delving in undergraduates' rubbish and carrying out vox pops in Guildford High Street, as some postgraduates at the centre have discovered.

The unusual assignments are part of a revolutionary course started in 1993 to create doctors of engineering in environmental technology. The four-year postgraduate course has been designed to develop a new breed of top manager demanded by today's manufacturing industry and sets out to provide the expertise required to solve serious engineering problems and define future strategies. It is open to graduates from any branch of engineering but they must be sponsored by industry.

Andy Vaughan, aged 34, one of the first postgraduates on the course, says: "It is recognised in industry that a traditional engineering PhD is no longer enough to meet requirements and people with wider experience are needed."

With a degree in physical geography from Kingston University, he has won sponsorship from Southern Water to study developments in the catchment area of the River Test in Hampshire. Using satellite pictures and computer systems, he is assessing the impact of farming procedures, including the use of pesticides on water quality.

Like all environmental technology courses, his work includes studies in sociology which have taken him out with a notebook in Guildford town centre to interview people to assess how the public perceives different environmental risks.

Andrew Davey, 25, is the postgraduate who has been given the task of searching students' rubbish. He is developing an environmental policy for the university, which includes a strategy for waste management and the recycling of materials as well as assessing the public's perception of them.

He will be interviewing undergraduates and comparing their intentions to use glass and paper banks on the campus with the bottles, cans and waste paper in their rubbish.

He is also studying energy resources at the university, including whether it would be economic to burn the vast amount of waste paper created across the campus for fuel and to compensate for the loss of paper by growing trees for pulp in short plantation coppices on green-belt land owned by the university.

These are themes close to the heart of Roland Clift, founder of the Surrey centre. A chemical engineer who has become an expert in clean technology, his own studies suggest that burning used paper as a fuel rather than recycling it saves energy and chemicals.

Tackling issues in an engineering context is essential to the centre's work.

TONY DAWE



When Matsushita Electric Works needed an R&D headquarters for its European operation, The Surrey Research Park was the obvious choice.

Matsushita Electric Works (MEW), is one of Japan's largest manufacturing companies, renowned for its electrical construction materials, home appliances, building materials, automation control products and electronic materials and components. So when it looked at sites throughout Europe as potential locations for a research and development laboratory, the excellent communications of Guildford and the proximity of The University of Surrey were major reasons why it chose The Surrey Research Park.

"The University provides us with resources – expertise and equipment – and we have joint research programmes. The Park is very convenient for London with its Eurostar service to Paris, and is close to Heathrow and Gatwick airports. It is situated in an area with many hi-tech industries and is also a very pleasant region where schooling and housing are good.

"For a company such as Matsushita Electric Works, which has until recently concentrated on the domestic market, The Surrey Research Park was an ideal base for developing our European operation. Most science parks provide only land and a building contractor but here we could move into a fully fitted and serviced unit without investing too much initial capital. We can expand step-by-step, leasing additional space in the building as it becomes necessary."

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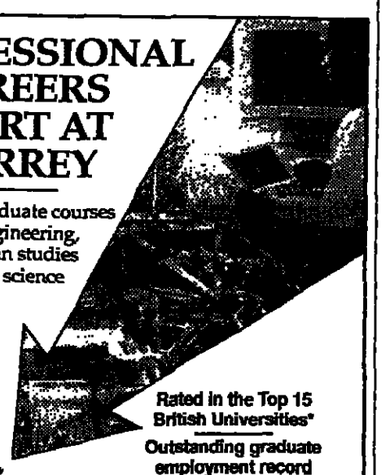
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Greenfield appeal to Silicon Valley

The county is chasing business in America. Tony Dawe reports

The business people of California are now being briefed on the joys of Surrey. Not, of course, on its weather or the artificial beach at Thorpe Park, but on the importance of its research park and skills available at its university.

The attempt to convince Californians of the advantages of Surrey as a European base is the latest initiative of Surrey First, a private company set up by the county council and Surrey Training and Enterprise Council (Tec) to attract new investment.

The company has opened offices in the United States in Atlanta, Georgia, San Antonio, Texas, Kansas City, and in Sunnyvale, close to Silicon Valley, to bring computing and electronic companies to the county.

Jim Laird, Surrey First's chief executive, says: "Our telemarketing teams, who are in action every day, will be able to link with staff in the new offices to ensure they provide personal presentations or arrange visits to the county for hot prospects.

"We can offer excellent locations with good access to London and continental Europe, but the jewel in the crown is the Surrey Research Park, where small international companies are developing high-tech skills."

The organisation has helped Kimberly-Clark to set up in Reigate, and the American company, which makes tissues and a wide range of consumer products, plans to base its European operations in the county. Exicom, an Australian telecommunications company, has also moved in.

Mr Laird is proud of the support his organisation has won from private companies which, among other services, are providing the American offices. Derek Thomas, the county's chief executive, shares his enthusiasm for the private sector's backing for Surrey First.

He recalled that the county council launched its draft economic strategy at a "kickstart conference" at Surrey University and followed it up with a round-table meeting with the business community. "On that occasion, a number of business people said that they would like to promote the creation of an inward investment company," Mr Thomas says.

"The idea came from the private sector, a tremendous achievement. It was the first time that I experienced a positive feeling from the business community that we all had a duty to do something about Surrey's economy, which had been hit unexpectedly hard by the recession.

"We were in a dilemma because we wanted to encourage an economic strategy and inward investment and at the same time protect the image of leafy Surrey.

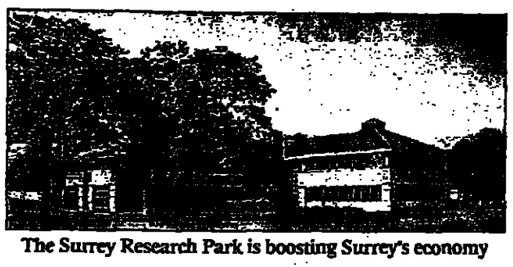
"So Surrey First was created with the intention of attracting investment compatible with the environment and style of the workforce. The calibre of our workers in terms of university qualifications and professional training is a major plus."

A quarter of the county's labour force is educated to university entrance level, a higher percentage even than in London, and Surrey has a greater proportion of undergraduates than any other area in the South East.

The county's schools, colleges and universities are working closely with industry to ensure that they produce the skills which local businesses require. Teachers and pupils spend time working with companies, which also have an input into schools.

In one example, a technology teacher was seconded to McLaren Cars to design a device to test the steering on the company's grand prix racing cars. In return, McLaren helped to develop a new technology centre at the teacher's school.

In keeping with such co-operation, the "Compact" scheme has been developed to provide an alternative to good A levels as a way of winning a place at Surrey University.



The Surrey Research Park is boosting Surrey's economy

Richard Wormell, Surrey Tec's managing director, says: "We are working with the university to help students who possess high levels of technical skill, which might be ahead of their academic achievements, to get on to courses. We have already provided a few candidates whom the university has found acceptable."

Among many schemes to help local businesses, the Tec has developed an innovation programme to advise companies on the development of new products. Shield Medicare, Farnham-based makers of medical equipment, joined a programme last November to evaluate the development of a range of products and has already launched one, a surgical drape for use in operating theatres, and won three orders.

Barbara Salvage, marketing director, says: "We have also joined Tec programmes to advise on financial control, business planning and management change. We have had to contribute financially but the amount has been minimal compared with the access to expertise and the benefits we have obtained."

With an annual turnover of £450,000 and seven full-time staff, the company is typical of most in Surrey, where 90 per cent of businesses employ fewer than 25 people. To help them to obtain inexpensive advice and consultancy services, the county council is seeking Trade Department approval to establish a Business Link organisation. "Surrey is just the kind of place that would benefit from streamlining the plethora of support and counselling organisations," Mr Thomas says.

Creating a business innovation centre to help entrepreneurs to develop new ideas would be the next step. A network of these centres is being developed across Europe with the help of the European Commission's regional funds, but Surrey will have to finance its own as the county does not have development status.

Jeff Bartley, the county's economic development officer, says: "We want to link up with developing companies with original ideas to help them to evaluate whether the ideas could be successful in the market place and to advise on the skills required for running a business.

"We envisage some technology transfer between Surrey University and local firms and the centre would obviously be best sited in the Research Park. Our vision is that it would require two to three staff working with public funding of £150,000 a year for three years, and then it should be self-financing."

Ten years ago it was a field; now it's a high-tech success story

Growing up in the park

Wellingtons were the order of the day when the Duke of Kent, Chancellor of the University of Surrey, opened the Surrey Research Park ten years ago. He has visited the park several times since, seeing the 70 acres of farmland transformed into the internationally famous low-density garden environment that he will inspect on August 24 to mark the tenth anniversary.

Greeting him again will be Malcolm Parry, who has run the park from the start. Dr Parry was a lecturer in ergonomics when the then Vice-Chancellor asked him to take a three-month secondment in 1982. Three months became six; six months became an indefinite period.

"There was an electric fence round the field to keep the cows out," he says. "I ruined a suit wading through the clay to be shown the site I was going to get."

The first company to move in was Stratigraphic Services International in 1985. It tested oil well mud to help exploration companies to decide where to drill. It has not quite held on for the anniversary celebrations, having moved to a warehouse a few miles away last month.

It was soon joined in the research park by companies large and small. Canon, the electronics group, came to make hi-fi speakers. BOC, the gases company, built an air-separating plant and Kobe Steel an electronic microscope for checking emissions.

Kobe considered alternative sites at Cambridge and Salford universities and at the Milton Keynes headquarters of the Open University before choosing Guildford. Occupying a 12,500 sq ft building, it has brought a new meaning to shift work by linking its research unit to establishments in Japan and the United States to provide a 24 hours a day operation, each picking up the research where the previous time zone leaves off.

Some tenants have grown rapidly. Bullfrog, the computer games inventor, arrived with a five-man team, sharing the facilities that the park offers to very small companies in its technology centre. Bullfrog grew into its own premises and now employs 70 people. Monmouth Pharmaceuticals, an American company, set up as a three-man band to form a bridgehead into Europe. It now occupies 5,000 sq ft.



RICHARD WAITE

Clive Phillips of Kobe Steel: part of a global operation

Emrad's ground-probing radar division was one of the earliest tenants. Researchers reduced the size of the equipment from a caravan to a briefcase. The radar was used to locate human remains at the Gloucester home of Frederick West. The division has been spun off into a separate company now located at Godalming and is a prime example of how the park has fed expertise out into the local community.

A recent arrival is Borax, a subsidiary of RTZ, the mining group, which moved into a specially designed 65,000 sq ft building last August. Borax has brought together its research unit from Chessington and its commercial operations from Victoria, London, to improve efficiency.

The park has remained fully let, even though it allows smaller tenants to give only a month's notice. The building of the park coincided with an upturn in the economy and it was possible to stop speculative building in 1989.

There are now 66 companies in occupation. About 20 tenants are foreign, coming from America, France, Finland and Japan.

Dr Parry says: "This land supported one person. Now it provides employment for 2,650 and it is still a pleasant environment. Half the vacancies that occur when companies move out are filled by growing companies already on the park. Young companies here have shown staggering growth through hard times."

Dr Parry adds that tenants on the park have little difficulty in recruiting staff, even though Guildford is not a concentrated population area. "More than 70 per cent of the jobs here are for professionals, and there is no shortage of them in Surrey," he says.

Premises are marketed to larger potential occupiers through agents based in London. Dr Parry says: "Smaller companies recognise the benefits we offer and they come to us. We can provide business services to support them until they get going. Being on a science park gives them some status.

"Major companies appreciate that this is an exclusive park and that what they are investing in will not be turned into an industrial estate with heavy vehicles driving in and out. We have a commitment to research and development. They have access to the university's intellectual infrastructure and its graduates.

"We are sensitive to the needs of technology-based companies. They find us a good landlord because we invest in property, we do not trade in it."

The park has 22 acres available for development. It has detailed planning permission and building work could start soon for occupancy next year. Dr Parry believes the enlarged area will be full by the end of the century. "The impact that the park has on the local, and perhaps the national, economy will give sufficient momentum for people to recognise its value."

RODNEY HOBSON

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Blackburn to profit from Uefa's new rules

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BLACKBURN Rovers were guaranteed a European Cup windfall yesterday when they were seeded into the lucrative Champions' League for next season. The decision by Uefa, the governing body of European football, means that Blackburn are assured of at least six matches in the competition.

When Rovers deprived Manchester United of a third successive Premiership title on the last day of the English season, it was thought that they would have to negotiate a two-legged preliminary-round tie to qualify for the Champions' League. However, they have now benefited from Uefa's decision to alter its system of seeding.

Uefa has ruled that the defending champions — Ajax and AC Milan were contesting the final in Austria last night — will be the top seeds, with the other seven places determined solely by the ranking of national associations. On that basis, Blackburn will be seeded sixth, while Rangers, the Scottish champions, will once again face a two-legged qualifying tie in August.

Juventus, the champions of Italy, are seeded second, followed by the representatives of France (Nantes), Germany (Werder Bremen or Borussia Dortmund) and Spain, whose title will almost certainly be won by Real Madrid. Blackburn are followed by FC Porto, the Portuguese champions, and Spartak Moscow.

The seeded teams will be joined in the Champions' League by eight qualifiers. Previously, Uefa based seedings on the higher of two coefficients: club or country. Now, the club figure will not apply, and England's rating is high enough to guarantee Blackburn a place in the top eight, despite their defeat by Trelleborgs FF, the Swedish part-timers, in the first round of the Uefa Cup this season.

Rangers, meanwhile, yesterday claimed that they had won the battle for the signature of Paul Gascoigne, the England midfield player, who has been put up for sale by Lazio.

David Murray, the Rangers chairman, was quoted in the *Evening Times* in Glasgow as saying: "The player's advisers have met us and are satisfied with our terms, and Lazio are also satisfied with our offer. The only thing to sort out is the matter of compensation, but Gascoigne will be coming to Rangers." Murray has agreed a £4.5 million fee with the Italian club for Gascoigne.

Gascoigne, a transfer target of several Premiership clubs in England, postponed a meeting with Leeds United officials that was scheduled for last night in order to pursue his compensation claim against Lazio.

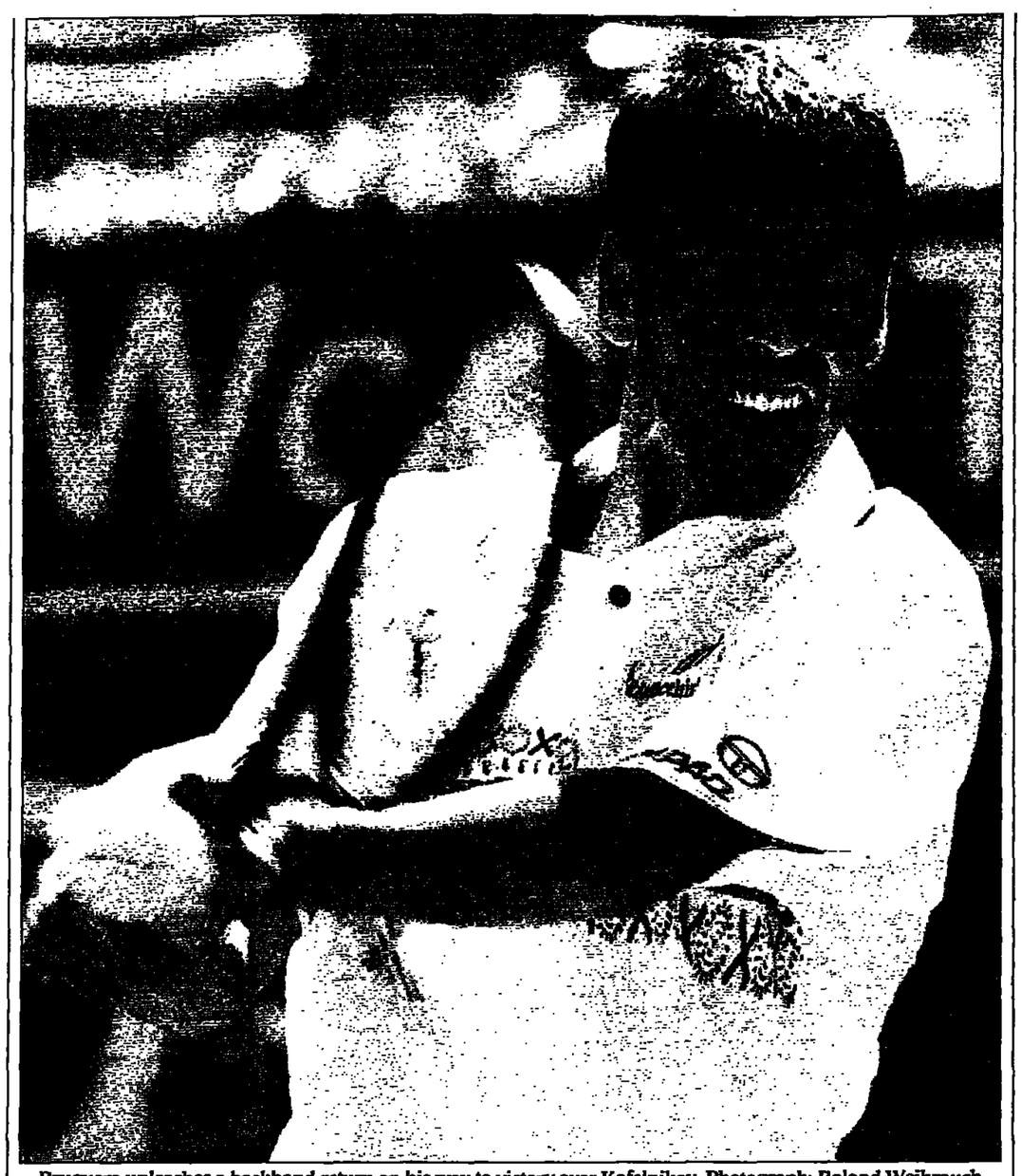
Stephen Crawford, the young Raith Rovers player, marked his international debut by scoring the goal which gave Scotland a 2-1 victory over Ecuador in their second Kirin Cup match in Toyama, Japan, yesterday.

Crawford came on as a substitute after 62 minutes and helped to set up Scotland's opening goal for Robertson before settling the match in the 83rd minute. After dispossessing Capurro, Crawford, 21, played a one-two with Burley before sending a low drive beyond the dive of Cevallos, the Ecuador goalkeeper.

It was no more than Scotland deserved. Jim Leighton, who captained the side in his 66th international, did not have a save to make, and was only beaten by a dubious penalty that briefly brought Ecuador level.

Ince cleared, page 3

Dean Richards, the 20-year-old Bradford central defender, is expected to sign for Wolverhampton Wanderers today in a record-breaking £1.85 million deal. Richards, who spent three months on loan at Molineux, will have a medical today.



Bruguera unleashes a backhand return on his way to victory over Kafelnikov. Photograph: Roland Weihrauch

Bruguera shines for dismal Spain

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SERGI BRUGUERA showed he is in top form ahead of his attempt at a third successive French Open tennis title next week, beating Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia, 6-3, 6-2 in the World Team Cup in Dusseldorf yesterday. His victory, however, was the only bright spot on a gloomy day for Spain as Russia won the tie 2-1. It was their second defeat in as many days and ended Spanish hopes of a fourth World Team Cup title.

Alberto Berasategui went down 6-4, 6-1 to Andrei Chesnokov and, in the decisive doubles, Bruguera and Carlos Costa were beaten 6-4, 6-3 by Kafelnikov and Andrei Olhovskiy.

Bruguera, the world No 7, took just an hour to dispose of ninth-ranked Kafelnikov despite a shaky start when he double-faulted three times in his opening service game. Kafelnikov admitted he had considered dropping out of the World Team Cup and the French Open after a string of disappointing results, including a first-round defeat at the Italian Open last week in Rome. "The way I'm playing, I don't feel I can even win one match in Paris," he said.

In the other red group tie, Holland recovered to defeat Croatia 2-1 after losing the opening match. Goran Ivanisevic defeated Richard Krajicek 2-6, 6-2, 7-6 but the Dutch hit back to square the tie when Jacco Eltingh beat Sasa Hirszon 6-2, 6-1.

Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, the world's third-ranked doubles team, beat Ivanisevic and Hirszon 6-2, 6-2 to clinch victory. Russia lead the red group with two victories, followed by Holland and Croatia, with one win each, and Spain, who have lost both their matches.

☐ Patty Fendick and Jill Hetherington opened the World Doubles Cup with an upset in Craiglockhart yesterday by beating the No 3 seeds, Nicole Arendt and Laura Golarsa 6-4, 7-6 (Alix Ramsay writes).

It was a happy reunion for the winners. They had not played together since 1989 but reformed the partnership just before the event.

In the veterans' event, John Lloyd and Tracy Austin opened their account with a straight-sets victory over Roger Taylor and Wendy Turnbull. They saw their 3-0 lead slip in the first set before winning 7-6, 6-1.

Tyson picks unfancied opponent in first return contest

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

IN HIS first bout for four years, Mike Tyson, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, will meet Peter McNeeley, of Boston. The contest will take place at the MGM Grand Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, on August 19, barely five months after Tyson was released from prison where he served three years for rape.

No date was announced for Tyson's world title challenge but it is believed that he will have two or three preparatory bouts first. Michael Dokes was thought to be another possible opponent, despite not having boxed since being knocked out in the first round by Riddick Bowe in 1993.

The bout with McNeeley will be the first of six multi-million dollar contests. Cheapest tickets at the MGM Grand Garden will be $200 (about £130), with ringside seats at $1,500.

Tyson, now 28, is likely to have little trouble disposing of McNeeley quickly, thus giving the impression that he is still the old unstoppable warrior. McNeeley is expected to be strong and game but woefully inadequate. Even though he is ranked No 10 by the World Boxing Council (WBC) and has only one defeat in 37 contests, he has not met anybody of quality.

His last two opponents were Danny Wofford and Frankie Hines. Wofford was beaten 39 times in 55 contests and Hines lost 68 of his 84 bouts.

If Tyson, as No 1 challenger, attempts to meet the winner of the bout between Oliver McCall, the WBC champion, and Frank Bruno before Lewis, the WBC will almost certainly face legal action. The Englishman recently won the right to first challenge by beating Lionel Butler in a final WBC eliminator.

Following that victory, Don King, Tyson's promoter, implied, however, that Tyson would do much as he pleased.

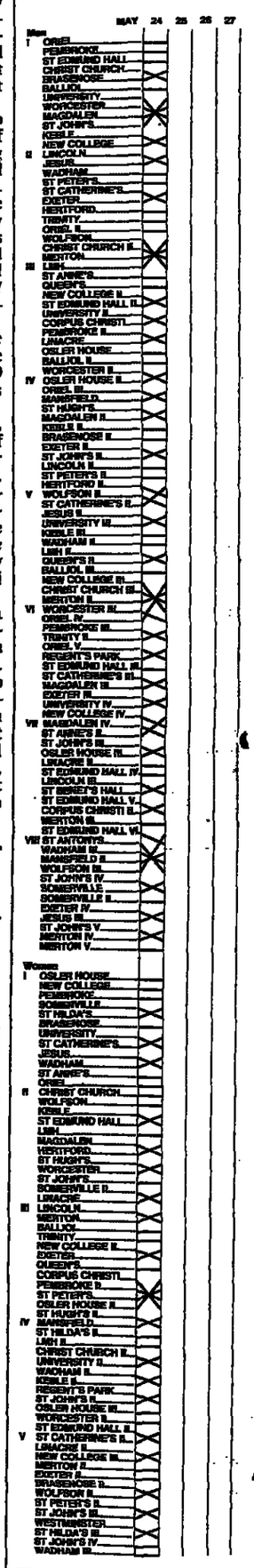
"Tyson may be ready to accept his No 1 contendership," King said. "Once Tyson starts to fight, he will fight every one of them. He would take them boom, boom, boom, right on down the line. Won't be no question of going to purse offers."

Brasenose launch headship ambition in style

THE top three crews rowed over on the first day of the Oxford University Summer Eights yesterday, but Christ Church, starting in fourth, were caught by Brasenose, who could be in a position to challenge Oriel for the headship on Saturday, coming out of the Gut.

Also in the men's first division, New College quickly bumped Keble and University crabbed, allowing Magdalen to score an overbump.

At the top of the women's divisions, the leading three crews also rowed over, but St Hilda's, whose boat is composed of members of the 1995 Oxford University squad, achieved an early contact with fourth-placed Somerville and can expect to despatch Pembroke as quickly today.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Blackwood

The 'Blackwood' convention is a method by which a player can find out how many aces his partner has. It is with misgivings that I discuss it, because it is frequently misused. Before using Blackwood a player should be satisfied that the partnership has enough general playing strength to bid a slam, and that first or second-round control of all suits is held. All too often players who don't have this knowledge launch into Blackwood, because its mechanism is easy to understand.

In traditional Blackwood, a bid of 4NT after the partnership has agreed a suit asks the responder to say how many aces he has. The response is in steps: Five Clubs none or four, Five Diamonds one, Five Hearts two, and Five Spades three. The use of Five Clubs to show none or four is quite safe – the Blackwood bidder will always be in a position to tell which it is. (Well, usually – I've heard one or two horror stories in which Blackwood addicts have bid Grand Slams missing ALL the aces.)

The next development of Blackwood is so-called 'Five Ace' Blackwood. 'Roman Key-Card' Blackwood is of the same type. These 4NT conventions count the king of trumps as an ace - if you are missing any two of the five 'Aces' a slam cannot be better than a finesse (king of trumps missing plus an ace); in general you should not bid it unless you have four of the five aces. This sounds wonderful, but the partnership does need to know which suit is the trump suit, in order to track down which of the kings is to count as the fifth ace. In my experience this can lead to misunderstandings. No form of Five-Ace Blackwood is allowed in rubber bridge. I don't think the Refresher column is the place to discuss it further.

Finally I touch on the Gerber convention. In this Four Clubs 'when obvious' asks for aces. The trouble is that in practice it is often difficult to tell when Four Clubs is Gerber, and when it is meant in some other sense. When I was at university I once lost a month's grant on a Gerber misunderstanding, and I've been against it ever since. If you must use it I recommend the only circumstance should be in direct response to 1NT and 2NT openings. Then the steps are similar to those over 4NT bids: Four Diamonds no ace or four aces, Four Hearts one, Four Spades two, and 4NT three.

There are various agreements on the continuations after a response to Blackwood. Most of them seem to me to produce more confusion than help. In rubber bridge circles a bid in a suit other than the trump suit is a cue-bid and a further slam try, and 5NT asks for kings. In the latter case, the 5NT bid confirms that the partnership holds all the aces, and so can be used to tell rather than ask.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

National league

The Four Nations League, the team championship for clubs from the British Isles, has been won by Midland Monarchs. The concluding round was played at Bolton over the weekend. The closing scores were: 1, Midland Monarchs 19 out of 22; 2, Slough 17; 3, Wood Green 16.

White: Murray Chandler
Black: Jon Levitt
Four Nations League, May 1995

English Opening

1	c4	c5
2	Nf3	Nf6
3	Nc3	b6
4	e4	Bb7
5	e5	Ng8
6	Bd3	g6
7	Be4	Nc6
8	0-0	Bg7
9	Re1	Qc8
10	d4	cxd4
11	Nxd4	Nxe5
12	Bf4	d6
13	Ndb5	f6
14	Nxd6+	exd6
15	Nb5	Bf8
16	Nxd6+	Bxd6
17	Qxd6	Kf7
18	Bxb7	Qxb7
19	Rxe5	g5
20	Qe6+	Kf8
21	Rxg5	fxg5
22	Bd6+	Ne7
23	Re1	Black resigns

White: Graham Buckley
Black: Gary Quillan
Four Nations League, May 1995

Trompovsky

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	Ne4
3	Bh4	c5
4	f3	g5
5	bxe4	gxh4
6	e3	Qb6
7	Nc3	Qxb2
8	Nd5	Kd8
9	Rb1	Qa3
10	Qh5	Nc6
11	Nf3	f6
12	Be2	Qxa2
13	0-0	Nb4
14	Rxb4	cxb4
15	Ne5	fxe5
16	Qxe5	e6
17	Qf6+	Black resigns

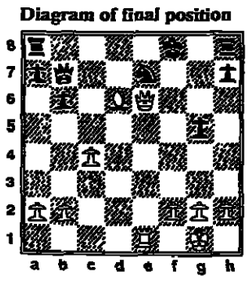
Computer chess

The computer world championship starts in Hong Kong this week and will attract great interest in the wake of Kasparov's revenge match against the Chess Genius programme. Richard Lang, who programmed Chess Genius, hopes to win this important event, on which *The Times* will carry regular updates.

In the Hague computers made further inroads against Grandmasters. The Aegon the Human Computer tournament was won by the Dutch Grandmaster Van Der Wiel with 5½ points out of six, but second place (on 5) was shared by no fewer than eight computers, including Chess Genius.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Diagram of final position



WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BIBLICALS

GAMALIEL
a. A good Pharisee
b. A Roman procurator
c. A Gentile convert

MELCHIZEDEK
a. An apocryphal prophet
b. Lot's longevous father
c. A priest-king

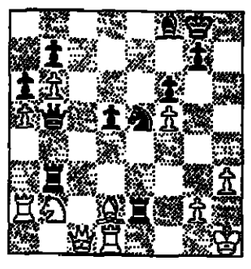
ADONIBEZEK
a. A Philistine idol
b. A war criminal
c. A rabble-rousing rebel

MICAIAH
a. A wife of David
b. A lucky general
c. An unflattering prophet

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Stohlberg - Botvinnik, Moscow 1940. White's position has been completely invaded and the black forces are running rampant. It is thus not surprising that Black has a quick kill. Can you see it?

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SPORTS LETTERS

'Big five' expose county cricket divisions

From Mr Ned Paul

Sir, There is much talk of two divisions in county cricket with football-style promotion and relegation and even you have now espoused this cause (leader, May 19). As you suggest, this would inevitably spell financial ruin for counties in the second division, and I doubt whether it would increase the spectator base for the surviving clubs.

How much better would it be if we could have a league consisting of two equal and parallel divisions with end-of-season play-offs. Near neighbours should be in opposite divisions to keep alive the possiblity of "derby" play-offs, but in the regular season both intra-divisional and inter-divisional matches should be scheduled. Under this model, many more teams stay in contention for honours until late in the season.

The other mooted proposal, that minor counties and second XI cricket be merged, is excellent and would be made more so if each first-class county were to adopt its own minor county team or teams to form a pyramid up which its young cricketers could pass as they developed.

Yours faithfully,
NED PAUL,
37 Sandycoombe Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

From Mr M. J. Dowsett

Sir, Unlike your leader writer, I do not regard the winning of Test matches as the most important thing in cricket, and certainly not if it entails "the loss of a county or two", as it was casually put.

The division of the county championship would lead immediately to a transfer system similar to that which operates in the FA Premiership, with the so-called "big five" counties exhibiting the same lust for power and money, combined with indifference to the fate of the rest.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. DOWSETT,
7 Lambs Close,
Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

From Mr H. J. Manning

Sir, By ascribing the term "big five" to the five counties which host Test matches, there is a danger of misleading the public into believing that it is the counties who are themselves big.

Surely Test matches are held on these grounds because the grounds themselves are big, not because of the cricketing abilities or successes of the host counties, nor, indeed, for their contribution to the first-class game.

During the last 20 years the "big five" have managed to win the championship only three times between them, and Yorkshire, Lancashire and Surrey not at all in that period; by comparison, since 1975, Middlesex have won the championship seven times and Essex six.

If performance in the county championship is used as the criterion for selection, then, based on the last dozen years or so, Yorkshire can look forward to a long spell in the lower division.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. MANNING,
6 Heathermount Gardens,
Crowthorne,
Berkshire.

Selective view

From Mr Colin Tapper

Sir, Mr M. H. G. Allison (Sports Letters, May 18) claims it to be a myth that England is strong when Yorkshire is strong by reference only to England's performance against Australia. Against other Test-playing nations, England lost only six international series out of 30 played in those years of dominance.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN TAPPER,
Corner Cottage,
Woodstock Road,
Stonesfield,
Witney, Oxfordshire.

Walker's way

From Mr John H. Higgs

Sir, David Miller, reporting on the West Ham United v Manchester United game (May 15), concluded his report: "Nobody will begrudge Blackburn their long-awaited title, but many will wonder whether Jack Walker might not have been considered more of a local hero had he used his £50 million to perhaps build a children's hospital rather than pay such exorbitant wages".

What Jack Walker chooses to do with his money is his affair. Since when have the responsiblities of the Department of Health been the concern of individuals, rich or otherwise? Walker, according to his local MP, Jack Straw, has done more for Blackburn in terms of morale, contribution to the local economy, the provision of jobs, etc, than anyone in the town's history. It was a pity that Miller chose to devalue Walker's achievement in such a vitriolic way.

Yours faithfully,
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Guildford, Surrey.

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Top partnership

From Mr Adrian Baker

Sir, It must be hoped that Imran Khan's recent marriage to Jemima Goldsmith produces many male offspring, who then choose to play for England. Similiarly, the Test and County Cricket Board should consider the marital status of Messrs Lara, Warne, etc. and act as a dating agency to enhance the medium-term prospects for English cricket.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN BAKER,
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Express service for photo-finishes

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

A PICTURE may be worth a thousand words but for punters and bookmakers much more is at stake on the outcome of photo-finishes at the racecourse. Since 1947, when a war-time system of aerial photography was adapted and introduced at Epsom to determine the result of close finishes, racegoers have often had to endure a nervous wait before knowing the fate of their bets.

The delays involved as a judge waited for the long strip of negative produced by a photo-finish camera invariably meant several minutes ticked by before he was able to announce the result of a close race and betting shop punters were in the dark even longer before the outcome was made known — often precluding them from betting on the next screened race.

At Goodwood yesterday, the photo-finish system was embraced by the computer age for the first time as judges relied on electronic imaging on a screen, available at the press of a button, rather than looking at film. In the second race the short head which separated the placed horse was tannoyed to racegoers within 30 seconds of the horses crossing the line and quickly flashed to the nation's 9,500 betting shops.

With one in five races involving a photo-finish to determine one of the first three places in a race, the impact on off-course turnover is expected to be significant. Races are beamed into betting shops, on average, every ten minutes but under the old system a delay could prevent a punter picking up winnings from a race in time to bet on the next event.

Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes commented: "A lengthy wait for a result of a photo-finish encroaches onto the territory of the next race and turnover can be affected on that race by as much as 25 per cent."

The trial with the Omega's Hawk Eye equipment will mean the vast majority of close results will be decided within seconds. Tight finishes, where horses are separated by the shortest of short heads, will still be determined by the old system — for the time being.

Sim Harris, managing director of RaceTech, commented: "I believe within 18 months we will be fully electronic and there will be no film involved at all."

The potential advantages to the team of Jockey Club judges, led by Jonathan Dimsdale, are considerable. "In the long term the electronic system will enable us to do individual times and distances for each horse. This will go straight out to Weatherbys via the computer and to computerised racecourse number boards."

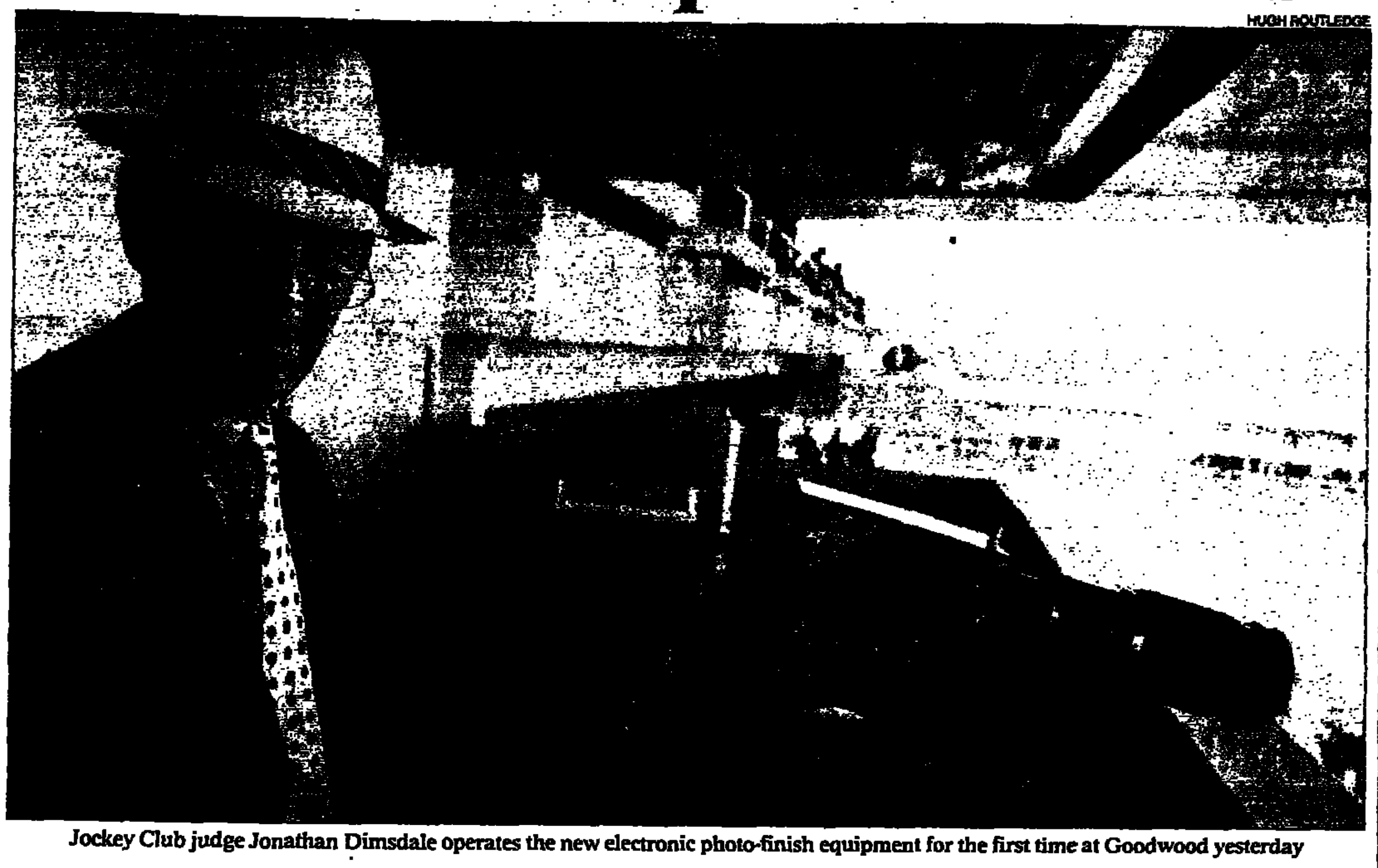
In the Tripleprint Lupe Stakes, the latest technological wizardry was not required as Willie Carson was seen at his best nursing Subya's doubtful stamina before striking the front inside the final furlong to beat the front-running Tillandsia by 1¼ lengths.

The victory for the John Dunlop-trained filly completed a memorable family double for, an hour earlier, Ed Dunlop, son of the Arundel trainer, sent out his first Goodwood winner when Marguerite Bay obliged on her debut in the Finnboard Maiden Fillies' Stakes to thwart Sea Thunder.

Michael Roberts, the 1992 champion jockey, returns to Britain to ride Ionio for Clive Brittain in the Festival Stakes today after a highly successful spell in Japan where he rode 21 winners. However, he would have been hard pressed to better the enterprising riding performance of Brett Doyle on the Brittain-trained Mercadier in the Kincsem Rated Stakes.

Leading from the start, he gradually stepped up the tempo and extended his lead to the best part of 12 lengths starting the descent into the home straight. Although Lanfranco Dettori and Wishing reduced the deficit in the final furlong, defeat was never a possibility and Doyle earned high praise from Brittain.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Jockey Club judge Jonathan Dimsdale operates the new electronic photo-finish equipment for the first time at Goodwood yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: RICH GLOW (5.00 Newcastle)
Next best: Shepherd Market (3.10 Goodwood)

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER
2.10 Flying Squaw
2.40 Sharp Falcon
3.10 WALNUT BURL (nap)
3.40 Ionio
4.10 Sylvandra
4.45 Dantean
5.20 Another Jade

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 Rahy Zoman.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 6-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 ROYAL SUSSEX REGIMENT FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,710: 6f) (6 runners)

101 (2) 11 ANOTHERANNIVERSARY 24 (G) (D Barker) G Lewis 8-12 ... Paul Eddery 94
102 (5) 1 FLYING SQUAW 27 (G) (Y Foy M Channon 8-10 ... R Hughes 99
103 (1) 4231 LUSSURIA 14 (F) (M Lanfranchi) B Meehan 8-10 ... Pat Eddery 98
104 (3) 41 TO THE WHIRE 13 (F) (Pennine Partners) G L Moore 8-10 ... B Rouse 87
105 (4) 31 WINDSWEPT 17 (F) (Miss H Senn) D Breach Daws 8-10 ... N Adams 86
106 (5) 1 SUBFUSK 12 (D,G) (Mrs J Sexton) W G M Turner 8-8 ... P McCabe (5) 97

BETTING: 7-4 Anotheranniversary, 7-2 Flying Squaw, 4-1 To The Whire, 5-1 Windswept, 6-1 Lussuria, 7-1 Subfusk.

1994: JAWLAAT 8-4 W Carson (6-13 fav) J Dunlop 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANOTHERANNIVERSARY beat Mart neck in 9-runner conditions race at Windsor (5f, good) with TO THE WHIRE (2lb worse off) ¾l and neck 4th. FLYING SQUAW beat Roses In The Snow ¾l in 12-runner auction maiden at Sandown (5f, good). LUSSURIA (later awarded race) short-head 2nd of 6 to Double Point in maiden at Brighton (5f 213yd, firm). TO THE WHIRE beat Welsh Mountain head in 9-runner maiden at Lingfield (5f, good to firm). WINDSWEPT beat Mystic Tempo ½l in 6-runner maiden at Warwick (5f, firm). SUBFUSK beat Mon Cazard 1¾l in 8-runner seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f).
Selection: FLYING SQUAW

2.40 BOOKER FOODSERVICE HANDICAP (£7,115: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

201 (7) 00-1500 WAYNE COUNTY 20 (B,D,F,G,S) (Old School House) G Fierro 5-10-0 L Dettori 99
202 (5) 4611-11 SON OF SHARP SHOT 16 (F,G,S) J Dunlop 5-9-5 ... Pat Eddery 98
203 (4) 214540- MUSEUM 215 (D,S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) H Candy 4-9-2 ... W Newnes 93
204 (1) 0/5610- NEW ALBION 91J (F) (The Barrow Boys) N Henderson 4-8-9 ... Paul Eddery 88
205 (5) 2133-05 PROTON 17 (G,S) (The Persian War Partnership) R Akehurst 5-8-9 ... T Quinn 85
206 (2) 622410- DORMY THREE 178J (D,F,G) (P Slade) R Hodges 5-8-9 ... J Williams 96
207 (7) 332-536 SHARP FALCON 18 (BF,F,S) (G Mills) J Wharton 4-8-7 ... J Reid 97

BETTING: 5-2 Son Of Sharp Shot, 3-1 Proton, 7-2 Sharp Falcon, 7-1 New Albion, 8-1 Dormy Three, 10-1 Museum, Wayne County.

1994: SPIN DOCTOR 4-9-11 C Hodgson (10-1) L Cumani 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

WAYNE COUNTY beat recent effort about 2¾l 5th of 17 to Wishing in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). SON OF SHARP SHOT completed double beat Sadler's Walk short-head in 10-runner handicap at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). MUSEUM 5¾l 4th of 10 to Trans Siberia in handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NEW ALBION beat Hunters' Heaven 1¾l in 10-runner maiden handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. PROTON about 3¾l 5th of 7 to Dancing Sensation in handicap at Kempton (1m 4f, good to firm). DORMY THREE beat Nestelep 2½l in 15-runner claimer at Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm) on penultimate start, Oct 1994. SHARP FALCON about 4¾l 6th of 20 to Herr Trigger in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: SON OF SHARP SHOT

3.10 KIDSONS IMPEY TROPHY HANDICAP (£7,960: 7f) (14 runners)

301 (8) 000-105 SHIKARI'S SON 14 (D,F,G) (A Spargo) J White 8-10-0 ... T Quinn 95
302 (2) 16000-8 BLURRED IMAGE 27J (D,F,S) (C Wilkinson) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-8 D Harrison 87
303 (11) 5450-00 CALEMAN 17 (D,F) (M Berger) R Boss 8-9-8 ... L Dettori 94
304 (5) 520-001 ZIFTA 10 (D,F) (R Dawson) S Williams 4-9-8 (7ex) ... A Mackay 96
305 (12) 21510-0 HELIOS 12 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Pashing) N Walker 7-9-4 ... R Cochrane 89
306 (1) 604203 ROSSINI BLUE 14 (G Mytton) A Bailey 4-9-1 ... V Halliday (5) 97
307 (4) 0260-00 DEEPLY VALE 12 (D,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-0 ... B Rouse 97
308 (9) 0112-10 SILENT EXPRESSION 82 (D,F,G) (A Reid) B Meehan 5-8-11 ... Pat Eddery 99
309 (10) 6211-46 JOLTO 13 (D,BF,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-10 ... C Teague (5) 98
310 (7) 4355-40 POLONEZ PRIMA 13 (D,F,G) (D Tumey) J Spearing 8-8-6 ... Paul Eddery 93
311 (13) 003220 SHEPHERD MARKET 22 (F) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-8-0 ... G Carter 94
312 (3) 2520-42 WALNUT BURL 14 (D,F) (G Steinberg) L Holt 5-7-13 ... A McGlone 98
313 (14) 510-002 PAB'S CHOICE 14 (D,G,S) (C Papaloannou) M McCormack 4-7-13 ... R Street 97
314 (6) 456024 WORDS OF WISDOM 21 (D,G) (M Morrison) C Cyzer 5-7-7 ... J Quinn 91

Long handicap: Words Of Wisdom 7-2.

BETTING: 6-1 Rossini Blue, 7-1 Silent Expression, Zifta, 8-1 Caleman, Walnut Burl, Pab's Choice, 10-1 others.

1994: DIME TIME 3-8-5 L Dettori (8-1) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SHIKARI'S SON best recent effort beat Apollo Red neck in claimer at Brighton (6f, good). BLURRED IMAGE 19l last of 7 to Secret Aly in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). CALEMAN 13l 8th of 11 to Desert Green in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to firm). ZIFTA beat Wilshe Gan 3½l in 5-runner handicap at Redcar (7f, firm). ROSSINI BLUE best recent effort ¾l 2nd of 13 to Fangio in claimer at Ripon (5f, good to firm). SILENT EXPRESSION beat Pageboy 3l in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. SHEPHERD MARKET best recent effort 1½l 2nd of 13 to Sheppard's Cross in handicap at Lingfield (7f, good) with DEEPLY VALE (6lb better off) 16¼l 12th. PAB'S CHOICE ¾l 2nd of 17 to Dawalib in handicap at Chester (7f 122yd, good to firm) with ROSSINI BLUE short-head 3rd and SHIKARI'S SON two heads 5th.
Selection: ZIFTA

3.40 FESTIVAL STAKES (Listed race: £13,840: 1m 2f) (4 runners)

401 (3) 22435-1 BARON FERDINAND 19 (D,F,G) (Lady Rothschild) R Charlton 5-8-12 Pat Eddery 96
402 (2) 125-163 IONIO 26 (D,F,G) (The Dayspring Company Ltd) C Brittain 4-8-12 ... M Roberts 99
403 (1) 231600- BEARALL 256 (F,G,S) (and Mrs M Winterford) R Hannon 4-8-10 ... B Rouse 82
404 (4) 4/21335- BELLE ARGENTINE 329 (S) (Godolphin) Saeed bin Suroor 4-8-10 ... L Dettori 98

BETTING: 7-4 Belle Argentine, 2-1 Ionio, Baron Ferdinand, 7-1 Bearall.

1994: ALDERBROOK 5-8-12 Paul Eddery (4-1) Mrs J Cecil 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARON FERDINAND beat Florid 4l in 4-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). IONIO 2l and short-head 3rd of 5 to Prince Of Andros in group III Gordon Richards Stakes at Sandown (1m 2f, good). BEARALL about 7¾l 6th of 9 to Hawajiss in group II Nassau Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm) July 1994. BELLE ARGENTINE about 3l 4th of 9 to East Of The Moon in group I Prix De Diane Hermes at Chantilly (1m 2f 110yd, good) on penultimate start, June 1994.
Selection: BELLE ARGENTINE (nap)

4.10 GOODWOOD HOUSE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,056: 6f) (9 runners)

501 (8) 4410 PROLIFIC LADY 18 (D,F) (M Griffiths) M Brittain 8-8 ... R Cochrane 87
502 (3) 6115-06 SYLVANDRA 18 (D,G) (Mrs P Wyatt) P Murphy 8-6 ... J Williams 99
503 (9) 36-0650 FANTASY RACING 5 (S) (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 8-5 ... Pat Eddery 94
504 (6) 0320-41 EMPHATIC CANDIDATE 14 (F) (Modacom Ltd) R Akehurst 8-4 ... S Sanders (3) 94
505 (2) 0-00034 ASSUMPSIT 7 (V) (S Dow) S Dow 8-3 ... G Duffield 82
506 (4) 0- HALLELUJA TIME 210 (B Lalemant) R Hannon 8-2 ... S Raymont —
507 (7) 10-0105 NOOR EL HOUDAH 14 (V,CD,F,S) (B Kielany) J Berry 7-13 ... G Carter 86
508 (5) 0-04205 CORK STREET GIRL 3 (T Waddington) B Meehan 7-11 ... T Williams 85
509 (1) 0-506 KELLAIRE GIRL 14 (D Purchas) G Lewis 7-11 ... J Quinn 73

BETTING: 4-1 Emphatic Candidate, 9-2 Sylvandra, 5-1 Assumpsit, Fantasy Racing, 11-2 Kellaire Girl, 6-1 Prolific Lady, 8-1 others.

1994: BILLY CRUNCHEON 8-2 M Roberts (9-4 fav) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PROLIFIC LADY beat Jo Maximus 1¾l in 10-runner auction maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SYLVANDRA 11¾l 6th of 10 to Bold Effort in handicap at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). FANTASY RACING best recent effort about 3¾l 6th of 12 to Charning In in handicap at Pontefract (6f, firm) with NOOR EL HOUDAH (14lb worse off) about ½l 7th. EMPHATIC CANDIDATE beat Nyali Beach short-head in 13-runner claimer at Brighton (7f, firm). ASSUMPSIT about 4l 4th of 20 to Almapa in a claimer at Salisbury (7f, good). NOOR EL HOUDAH best recent effort beat Dowdency 1½l in 17-runner seller at Leicester (6f, soft). CORK STREET GIRL best recent effort 1¾l 2nd of 7 to Talahhus in conditions race at Brighton (6f, good to firm) with ASSUMPSIT (1lb worse off) ¾l 3rd.
Selection: FANTASY RACING

4.45 SIS LIVE ACTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,913: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

601 (1) DANTEAN (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ... A Clark —
602 (6) 303- GAME PLOY 201 (K Kynaston) F Murphy 9-0 ... R Cochrane 87
603 (4) 22- RAHY ZOMAN 232 (BF) (K Nasser) J Fanshawe 9-0 ... D Harrison 97
604 (3) 0-0 TOAT CHIEFTAIN 6 (K Wills) G Harwood 9-0 ... M Perrett 72
605 (2) 5-45 ZIDAC 10 (B Brackpool) P Makin 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 98
606 (5) 0- BELLA SEDONA 213 (E Remfl) Lady Herries 8-9 ... J Reid —
607 (8) 00- CAISSON 240 (Baroache Stud Ltd) R Hannon 8-9 ... R Hughes 77
608 (7) 43 EUROLINK MISCHIEF 7 (BF) (Eurolink Group Plc) L Cumani 8-9 ... L Dettori 99

BETTING: 5-2 Dantean, 3-1 Rahy Zoman, 7-2 Eurolink Mischief, 5-1 Game Ploy, 8-1 Zidac, 12-1 Toat Chieftain, Caisson, 16-1 Bella Sedona.

1994: MANSSAI 9-0 L Dettori (6-4) J Gosden 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GAME PLOY 2l and neck 3rd of 19 to O Factor in auction maiden at Doncaster (6f, soft). RAHY ZOMAN ½l 2nd of 15 to Commoner in maiden at Haydock (7f, soft). TOAT CHIEFTAIN 16l 15th of 21 to Hob Express in maiden at Newbury (1m, good). ZIDAC about 4l 5th of 22 to Yoush in auction maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm). BELLA SEDONA 13l 9th of 14 to Golden Lady in maiden at Leicester (6f, good). CAISSON 10l 11th of 18 to Spout in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good) on penultimate start, Aug 1994. EUROLINK MISCHIEF 2½l 3rd of 17 to Senorita Dentro in maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good).
Selection: ZIDAC

5.20 LEVIN DOWN APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,583: 5f) (15 runners)

1 (1) 3-00020 EAGLE DAY 12 (B) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-10-0 ... A Procter 92
2 (8) 036045 DOMICKSKY 4 (CD,F,G,S) (Pine Crest Racing) M Channon 7-9-9 ... P P Murphy 82
3 (7) 0-14023 ANOTHER JADE 12 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 5-9-7 ... B Hunter (5) 93
4 (6) 422321- PINEAPPLE PRINCE 252 (D,S) (Pineapple Clothing) R Hodges 5-9-1 S Drowne 89
5 (11) 210148 ONE FOR JEANNIE 18 (V,D,G) (Mrs J Jones) A Bailey 3-9-0 ... V Halliday 90
6 (14) 005-000 PALEY PRINCE 5 (D,F,G) (Shirval Partners) M Usher 9-8-11 ... C Adamson (3) 90
7 (12) 233250 DISTANT DYNASTY 14 (D,G,S) (M Kirby) B Pearce 5-8-8 ... T Field (7) 86
8 (9) 1000-60 JUDGEMENT CALL 17 (D,F,G) (K Weston) P Howling 8-8-7 ... Debbie Biggs (5) 86
9 (13) 0640-00 STATOMIST 3 (Old School House Racing Ltd) G Fierro 3-8-7 ... P McCabe 86
10 (2) 6-43306 TEE-EMM 13 (D,G) (R Carey) P Howling 5-7-12 ... J D Smith 89
11 (5) 0500-00 SHADES OF JADE 12 (CD,F,S) (W Wood) J Bridger 7-7-7 ... Iona Wands (5) 85
12 (10) 142352 HALF TONE 8 (B,D,G) (Mrs G Temmerman) R Flower 3-7-7 ... S Lanigan (3) 99
13 (4) 00-00 YOUNG SENSATION 12 (J Ward) B Pearce 3-7-7 ... J Wilkinson (5) —
14 (15) 4050-00 MAZZARELLO 29 (V) (D Hoskyns) R Curtis 5-7-7 ... M Baird 81
15 (3) 0000-0 TRINA 13 (W Clifford) D Williams 4-7-7 ... Martin Dwyer (3) —

Long handicap: Mazzarello 7-1, Trina 7-0

BETTING: 5-1 One For Jeannie, 6-1 Half Tone, 8-1 Another Jade, Eagle Day, 10-1 Pineapple Prince, Distant Dynasty, Domicksky, 14-1 others.

1994: SHADES OF JADE 6-7-7 N Varley (14-1) J Bridger 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

EAGLE DAY 3l 2nd of 16 to Dahiyah in maiden handicap at Brighton (6f, firm) on penultimate start. DOMICKSKY about 1¾l 5th of 14 to Broadstairs Beauty in handicap at Ripon (5f, good). ANOTHER JADE 2l 3rd of 13 to Paddy's Rice in handicap at Lingfield (6f, firm) with SHADES OF JADE (6lb better off) 13l 13th. PINEAPPLE PRINCE beat Highland Warning 1¾l in 12-runner maiden handicap at Lingfield (5f, heavy). ONE FOR JEANNIE about 2½l 4th of 6 to We're Joken in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f) on penultimate start. DISTANT DYNASTY best recent effort 1l 3rd of 17 to Kildee Lad in handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with TEE-EMM (4lb better off) 2l 7th and JUDGEMENT CALL (4lb better off) 5l 10th.
Selection: DOMICKSKY

NEWCASTLE

THUNDERER
2.25 Grimstone Girl. 2.55 Hoh Majestic. 3.25 Cumbrian Rhapsody. 3.55 Khan. 4.25 Jandeel. 5.00 Benzoe.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 BENZOE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.55 Hoh Majestic. 4.25 JANDEEL (nap).

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.25 ANNITSFORD CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,701: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (6) 3 ABBOTT OF WHALLEY 14 J Berry 8-7 ... J Carroll 80
2 (4) 046 ABDUCTION 13 (V) E Weymes 8-7 ... K Darley 96
3 (1) 0 RUSSIAN RASCAL 40 M H Easterby 8-5 ... M Birch —
4 (2) 6 STOLEAMARCH 17 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-3 D Denby (7) —
5 (5) 0 CONTRADICTORY 5 M W Easterby 8-2 ... L Charnock —
6 (3) 3 GRIMSTONE GIRL 13 M W Easterby 8-2 ... S Maloney 99

7-4 Grimstone Girl, 9-4 Abduction, Abbott Of Whalley, 6-1 Stoleamarch, 10-1 others.

2.55 CRAMLINGTON CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,334: 5f) (9)

1 (3) 01 BLESSINGINDISGUISE 17 (CD,G) M W Easterby 9-1 ... M Birch 85
2 (5) 133 CABCHARGE STRIKER 15 (D,S) M Channon 9-1 ... P Robinson 99
3 (6) 31 GOTHENBERG 14 (D,F) M Johnston 9-1 ... D Holland 80
4 (9) 1 HOH MAJESTIC 19 (D,F) M Bell 9-1 ... M Fenton 91
5 (7) 421 MALLIA 21 (D,G) T Barron 9-1 ... J Fortune 94
6 (1) 4531 PLEASURE TIME 10 (D,F) C Smith 9-1 ... J Stack (5) 88
7 (8) 0 DUO MASTER 7 Mrs M Reveley 8-11 ... K Darley —
8 (4) 15 PRECIOUS GIRL 15 (D,S) D Moffatt 8-10 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 98
9 (2) 2122 SWISS VALLEY LADY 13 (D,G) W Turner 8-10 T Sprake 94

7-2 Hoh Majestic, 4-1 Cabcharge Striker, 9-2 Mallia, 5-1 Gothenberg, 6-1 Blessingindisguise, 7-1 Pleasure Time, Precious Girl, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 4 winners from 10 runners, 40.0%; H Cecil, 12 from 35, 34.3%; Miss L Siddall, 3 from 10, 30.0%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 16, 25.0%; M Bell, 6 from 29, 20.7%; E Alston, 4 from 22, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Fenton, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33.3%; R Hills, 6 from 24, 25%; J Carroll, 22 from 128, 17.2%; W Ryan, 10 from 62, 16.1%; N Connorton, 11 from 69, 15.9%; K Darley, 26 from 169, 15.4%.

3.25 MALT HOUSE VINTNERS HANDICAP (£3,691: 2m 19yd) (9)

1 (4) 40-6 HIGHFLYING 26 (CD,F,G,S) G Moore 9-9-11 ... J Tate (3) 99
2 (5) 0-02 GOOD HAND 10 (BF,CD,F,G) J Watts 9-9-9 ... N Connorton 97
3 (6) 3/2- BEDEVIL 382 Mrs J Cecil 5-9-9 ... J Carroll 93
4 (2) 819- CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 182J (C,F,S) M H Easterby 5-9-6 ... M Birch 96
5 (1) 05-0 PROVENCE 17 (D,F,S) L Lungo 8-9-2 ... K Fallon 97
6 (3) 011- BALZINO 318 (F) N Tinkler 6-8-6 ... Kim Tinkler 90
7 (7) 0-11 NOYAN 5 (F,G) L Lungo 5-8-3 (5ex) ... K Darley 94
8 (8) -505 AMBUSCADE 30 (S) E Alston 9-8-0 ... P Robinson 98
9 (9) 006/ LEAP IN THE DARK 898 Miss L Siddall 6-7-7 ... N Carlisle —

7-2 Highflying, 9-2 Balzino, 5-1 Good Hand, Noyan, Bedevil, 7-1 others.

3.55 CHEF'S LARDER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,657: 1m) (6)

1 (5) 1316 NIGEL'S LAD 3 (F,G) P Haslam 9-7 ... J Fortune 94
2 (6) 5-15 ATLAAL 20 (BF,F) H Thomson Jones 9-5 ... R Hills 96
3 (3) -004 GRATE BRITISH 15 (D,S) E Weymes 8-2 ... Dale Gibson 99
4 (1) 20-0 CUMBRIAN MINSTREL 17 (B,F) M H Easterby 8-2 ... S Maloney 90
5 (4) -305 SPANISH STEPS 17 (B) M W Easterby 7-13 L Charnock 96
6 (2) 20-4 KHAN 12 C Thornton 7-13 ... J Fanning 93

2-1 Nigel's Lad, 5-2 Khan, 11-4 Atlaal, 6-1 Spanish Steps, 10-1 others.

4.25 TYNEMOUTH MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,623: 1m 2f 32yd) (11)

1 (5) 8 ACONORACE 13 R Fahey 9-0 ... A Culhane —
2 (2) HIGH PYRENEES R Allan 9-0 ... S Maloney —
3 (3) 6 HOMECREST 63 Mrs A Naughton 9-0 ... A Mercer —
4 (10) 3 JANDEEL 18 A Stewart 9-0 ... S Whitworth 99
5 (6) 00- LEGAL BRIEF 288 J Wainwright 9-0 ... Dean McKeown —
6 (1) 3-63 MR CHRISTIE 20 Miss L Siddall 9-0 ... J Fortune 79
7 (4) ANNA OF BRUNSWICK H Cecil 8-9 ... W Ryan —
8 (8) 00- CASHMIRIE 202 J Eyre 8-9 ... R Lappin —
9 (9) 5 LAVENDER 17 L Cumani 8-9 ... K Darley 76
10 (11) NASHWANAH H Thomson Jones 8-9 ... R Hills —
11 (7) WARRGEM 8 Ellison 8-9 ... T Ives —

2-1 Anna Of Brunswick, 5-2 Jandeel, Nashwanah, 6-1 Lavender, 7-1 others.

5.00 WHITLEY BAY HANDICAP (£3,775: 5f) (12)

1 (6) -001 BENZOE 6 (F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-13 (7ex) ... K Fallon 99
2 (8) 40-0 METAL BOYS 27 (D,F,S) Miss L Siddall 8-9-10 J Fortune 92
3 (9) 00-0 KNAYTON LASS 19 (D,F) M W Easterby 4-9-7 ... M Birch 97
4 (2) 0-02 BARATO 40 (C,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-7 ... M Fenton 91
5 (1) 1066 TENOR 6 (D,G) D Nicholls 4-9-5 ... Alex Greaves 98
6 (5) 008- TINO TERE 239 (D,F,G) J Balding 6-9-4 ... J Edmunds (7) 86
7 (12) 5063 SHADOW JURY 6 (B,D,F) D Chapman 5-8-8 D McKeown 91
8 (11) 308- MISS ARAGON 244 (F,G) Miss L Siddall 7-8-5 ... D R McCabe (3) 91
9 (10) 0021 RICH GLOW 15 (D,F) N Bycroft 4-8-4 ... S Maloney 93
10 (7) 0000 IZZA 10 W Storey 4-8-3 ... J Fanning —
11 (3) 0003 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 23 (D,G) P Felgate 4-7-12 ... D Wright (3) 91
12 (4) 4463 KALAR 14 (B,D,F,G) D Chapman 6-7-11 ... N Carlisle 91

4-1 Barato, 5-1 Benzoe, Metal Boys, Shadow Jury, Rich Glow, 7-1 others.

EXETER

THUNDERER
6.15 Nordic Valley. 6.45 Flawed Logic. 7.15 Banntown Bill. 7.45 Mr Entertainer. 8.15 Mr Playfull. 8.45 Ever Smile.

GOING: FIRM SIS

6.15 CHUDLEIGH SELLING HURDLE (£2,036: 2m 1f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 2R21 NORDIC VALLEY 8 (D,G,S) M Pipe 4-11-7 ... R Dunwoody
2 R400 CADMSEACH 10 (B,CD,G) G Ham 7-11-6 ... J F Titley
3 0001 OWENS DELIGHT 34 (D,F) R Frost 5-11-6 ... J Frost
4 /10- SIMPLY GEORGE 280 (D,BF,F) J White 6-11-6 ... D Bridgwater
5 0 FAEZ 9 Mrs A Knight 5-11-0 ... D Matthews (5)
6 PP00 LICENCE TO KILL 9 N Mitchell 6-11-0 ... D Skyrme
7 2433 REACH FOR GLORY 8 W G M Turner 6-11-0 ... T Murphy (7)
8 5422 ROBINS PRIDE 12 C Popham 5-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 0PP0 BOLT OF GOLD 9 L Waring 7-10-9 ... M Griffiths (7)
10 5004 LENEY MOSS 8 (B) A Chamberlain 5-10-9 ... L Aspell (7)
11 MISTER MAYBE 348F (B) Mrs A Knight 4-10-9 ... S Burrough
12 P000 OLD MASTER 9 R Baker 4-10-9 ... B Powell

6-4 Nordic Valley, 7-2 Simply George, 6-1 Robins Pride, 7-1 Owens Delight, 8-1 Reach For Glory, 12-1 Faez, 16-1 Cadmseach, 25-1 others.

6.45 LAPFORD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,110: 2m 3f) (9)

1 1401 SIR NORMAN HOLT 18 (F) R O'Sullivan 6-12-0 ... D O'Sullivan
2 221F FLAWED LOGIC 6 (B,BF,F) M Pipe 4-11-7 ... R Dunwoody
3 2313 CHARLAFRIVOLA 8 (F) T Greathead 7-10-9 ... W Humphreys
4 1512 POLDEN PRIDE 5 (D,F) G Balding 7-10-1 ... A P McCoy
5 0002 I REMEMBER YOU 17 Mrs R Henderson 5-10-0 Mr W Henderson
6 -P03 PALACE PARADE 6 N Ayliffe 5-10-0 ... Guy Lewis (5)
7 5613 DUNLIR 8 (D,F) P Rodford 5-10-0 ... M Griffiths (7)
8 0004 MASCALLS LADY 16 N Thomson 10-10-0 ... D Morris
9 FP0P GORDON'S PET 16 P Walsly 8-10-0 ... B Powell

7-4 Flawed Logic, 2-1 Sir Norman Holt, 6-1 Polden Pride, 7-1 Charlafrivola, 12-1 Dunlir, Palace Parade, 16-1 I Remember You, 20-1 others.

7.15 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE NOVICES CHASE (£3,275: 2m 6f 110yd) (9) SKY

1 D401 ROSS GRAHAM 43 (C,F) Mrs B Waring 7-11-11 ... E Byrne
2 R022 BANNTOWN BILL 9 (V,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-4 ... R Dunwoody
3 5P4P BE MY HABITAT 8 (B,F,S) Mrs A Knight 6-11-4 ... B Murphy (5)
4 FF DANDIE IMP 17P (S) G Ham 7-11-4 ... J F Titley
5 P006 LEANDER LAD 6 John Bowen 10-11-4 ... C Maude
6 23P0 MR SUNNYSIDE 29 (B,G) R Frost 9-11-4 ... J Frost
7 -PRF TIMELLS BROOK 17 P Farrell 7-11-4 ... B Powell
8 -033 BRORA ROSE 17 (B,S) P Rodford 7-10-13 ... S Burrough
9 11-2 ITS UNBELIEVABLE 274 (BF,F) J White 5-10-10 ... D Bridgwater

5-4 Banntown Bill, 7-2 Ross Graham, 9-2 Its Unbelievable, 8-1 Dandie Imp, Mr Sunnyside, 10-1 Brora Rose, 25-1 others.

7.45 WESTCOUNTRY TELEVISION HANDICAP CHASE (£2,788: 2m 3f) (7) SKY

1 1351 MR ENTERTAINER 22 (CD,F,G,S) N Gaselee 12-11-11 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 3312 SHAARID 13F (D,BF,F,G) I Balding 7-11-9 ... A P McCoy
3 442P BEACH BUM 12 (S) Mrs J Young 8-11-0 ... C Maude
4 U223 COURT RAPIER 26 (C,D,F,G,S) R Alner 13-10-9 ... Mr P Henley (7)
5 4335 LUCKY AGAIN 17 (B,G) C Popham 8-10-5 ... M Bosley
6 5211 SAINTE MARTINE 12 (CD,F,G) B Millman 8-10-0 ... D Salter (5)
7 UF32 HENLEY REGATTA 8 P Rodford 7-10-0 ... S Burrough

6-4 Shaarid, 3-1 Sainte Martine, 7-2 Mr Entertainer, 8-1 Beach Bum, 10-1 others.

8.15 JAMAR LINER AGENCIES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,327: 3m 1f 110yd) (11) SKY

1 0601 AMILLIONMEMORIES 16 (G) Mrs B Waring 5-11-10 ... E Byrne
2 6-63 JENNYELLEN 6 M Pipe 6-11-9 ... R Dunwoody
3 0P42 RAGTIME BOY 15 (V) C Barwell 7-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
4 5066 TOUR LEADER 82 R Buckler 6-11-7 ... B Powell
5 4032 MR PLAYFULL 22 (B) R Frost 5-11-5 ... J Frost
6 0442 SOUL TRADER 17 N Babbage 6-10-12 ... D Matthews (5)
7 FP65 OH SO HANDY 19 (F) R Curtis 7-10-11 ... D Morris
8 2-03 JANET SCIBS 28 N Ayliffe 9-10-9 ... Guy Lewis (5)
9 P/45 CASSCA 6 N Thomson 10-10-9 ... R Davis
10 -P60 LEAP INTO SPRING 57 (G,S) J White 6-10-7 ... D Bridgwater
11 FP5F COEUR BATTANT 27 (F) R Baker 5-10-8 ... S Lyons (3)

3-1 Amillionmemories, 7-2 Ragtime Boy, 4-1 Jennyellen, 5-1 Soul Trader, 8-1 Mr Playfull, 10-1 Tour Leader, 16-1 others.

8.45 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,659: 2m 3f) (8) SKY

1 3413 LUCKY BLUE 19 (CD,G,S) N Thomson 8-11-11 ... M A Fitzgerald
2 5013 SOPHISM 9 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-11-7 ... R Dunwoody
3 3412 KINDLE'S DELIGHT 19 (CD,F,G) Miss H Knight 7-11-5 J F Titley
4 43/1 EVER SMILE 17 (CD,F) M Pipe 8-10-4 ... J Lower
5 031- TRUST DEED 388 (B,CD,F,G) Mrs A Knight 7-10-3 ... S Burrough
6 4260 JONJAS CHUDLEIGH 16 (G) W G M Turner 8-10-2 D Bridgwater
7 0F-3 DISTANT MEMORY 290 (B,CD,F,G) P Hobbs 6-10-0 M Hourigan
8 2400 GLENCOE BOY 196 (F) P Jones 12-10-0 ... B Powell

9-4 Kindle's Delight, 3-1 Lucky Blue, 4-1 Sophism, 5-1 Ever Smile, 6-1 Distant Memory, 14-1 Jonjas Chudleigh, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: I Balding, 7 winners from 12 runners, 58.3%; Miss H Knight, 19 from 44, 43.2%; M Pipe, 87 from 282, 30.9%; P Hobbs, 25 from 126, 19.8%; G Balding, 15 from 78, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: M Hourigan, 7 winners from 31 rides, 22.6%; A P McCoy, 4 from 24, 16.7%; M A Fitzgerald, 17 from 106, 16.0%; D Matthews, 5 from 33, 15.2%; J Frost, 15 from 135, 11.1%.

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
6.30 Speaker Wetherill. 7.00 Artic Wings. 7.30 Wolf Winter. 8.00 Classic Exhibit. 8.30 Kiveton Tycoon. 9.00 The Padre.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.30 HIGHLAND PARK MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,873: 2m) (16 runners)

1 -005 CHUCKLES 13 S Smith 5-11-1 ... Mr K Green
2 6/0- FLYING CONNECTION 645 W Clay 7-11-1 ... Diane Clay
3 0000 JENARK PHAUL 5 J Mackie 5-11-1 ... T Eley (3)
4 PP0- LARKSPUR LEGEND 546 Miss L Shally 5-11-1 ... J Ryan
5 0- LISALEEN WREN 332 J Norton 6-11-1 ... W Fry (5)
6 M'BEBE 326F G Fierro 5-11-1 ... S Lycett (7)
7 03 RAVE-ON-HADLEY 17 S Campion 5-11-1 ... P Midgley (3)
8 P263 SPEAKER WEATHERILL 10 (BF) O Brennan 6-11-1 ... M Brennan
9 PP-0 ULTRAKAY 12 (V) J Haynes 5-11-1 ... M Molloy (7)
10 04P WINTERS COTTAGE 124 P Evans 7-11-1 ... J Osborne
11 5253 WITHOUT A FLAG 13 J White 5-11-1 ... P McLoughlin (3)
12 0-04 HAZEL GALE 43 S Christian 6-10-10 ... G Upton
13 0360 NIGHT IN A MILLION 13 Mrs J Cecil 4-10-10 ... T Kent
14 0- RUBY VISION 383F Capt T Forster 6-10-10 ... S Wynne
15 03FP MISS THE POST 34 D Nicholson 4-10-5 ... W Marston
16 4 RIVERBANK ROSE 28 P Clarke 4-10-5 ... J J Brown (7)

11-4 Speaker Wetherill, 4-1 Without A Flag, 9-2 Miss The Post, 8-1 Night In A Million, 10-1 Hazel Gale, 16-1 others.

7.00 BUNNAHABHAIN HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,671: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 0022 BADASTAN 28 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 6-12-0 ... Peter Hobbs
2 2111 ARTIC WINGS 17 (D,F,G,S) O Brennan 7-11-8 ... M Brennan
3 0-46 RIVER ISLAND 13 (S) J Old 7-11-5 ... T Grantham
4 0611 BEATSON 12 (C,F,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 ... T Jenks
5 5204 GREAT MAX 23 (V,S) C Parker 5-10-6 ... B Storey
6 P035 MASTER OF THE ROCK 5 (F,G,S) J Mackie 6-10-4 D Webb (7)
7 5305 DOOLAR 19 (V,C,F,G,S) P Dalton 8-10-3 ... D Gallagher
8 0UP3 AMBER REALM 16 (S) R Buckler 7-10-2 ... R Farrant
9 0000 WORLD WITHOUT END 12 (G) W Clay 6-10-2 ... Diane Clay
10 P10P MISS CAPULET 17 (B,CD,G,S) T Donnelly 8-10-0 ... T Eley (3)

5-2 Artic Wings, 11-4 Beatson, 7-2 Badastan, 7-1 River Island, 10-1 World Without End, 12-1 Great Max, 14-1 Master Of The Rock, 20-1 others.

7.30 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,429: 3m 2f) (5) SKY

1 -PU1 COPPER MINE 12 (D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 9-12-0 ... J Osborne
2 3PP2 WHAAT FETTLE 35 (F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-9 ... M Moloney
3 0211 WOLF WINTER 20 (D,F,G) J Old 10-10-7 ... T Grantham
4 1562 BOARDING SCHOOL 23 (F,G,S) C Parker 8-10-6 ... B Storey
5 3414 REAL PROGRESS 6 (CD,G,S) P Hobbs 7-10-4 ... G Tormey (5)

2-1 Wolf Winter, 11-4 Copper Mine, 3-1 Boarding School, 5-1 Real Progress, 6-1 Whaat Fettle.

8.00 LANGS WHISKY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,191: 2m) (18) SKY

1 2-20 JOHNSTED 34 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 9-12-0 ... S Wynne
2 5653 THE EXECUTOR 6 (F) M Pipe 5-11-4 ... D Burrows (5)
3 5302 INNOCENT GEORGE 13 (BF,G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-13 ... F Leahy
4 23P- TRUMPET 465F (F) J O'Shea 6-10-12 ... G Lee
5 01P/ ALWAYS ALEX 985 (F,G) J Allen 8-10-9 ... D Meredith
6 0121 CLASSIC EXHIBIT 12 (CD,F,G) A Forbes 6-10-8 ... T Eley
7 F140 PHROSE 33 (D,S) J A Harris 5-10-7 ... T Descombe (3)
8 2020 EASTERN MAGIC 68 (D,G) G Barnett 7-10-7 ... L Arnold (7)
9 -561 QUINTA ROYALE 50 (D,G) L Snook 8-10-4 ... Sophie Mitchell (3)
10 000/ SONEETO 119F (D,G) A Jones 9-10-1 ... S Curran
11 0541 GLOSSY 17 (D,F,G) Mrs M McCourt 8-10-0 ... D Leahy
12 5PP0 EMERALD VENTURE 20 (V,D,F,G) T Caldwell 8-10-0 E Husband
13 00/3 CHICAGO'S BEST 8 (B,D,G) K Wingrove 8-10-0 ... G Tormey
14 6446 LITTLE SERENA 20 J Walmsley 5-10-0 ... P McLoughlin
15 3403 CRIMINAL RECORD 13 (V,F) W Clay 5-10-0 ... R Massey (3)
16 00-6 ITS ALL OVER NOW 19 (D,F) Mrs A King 11-10-0 ... G Hogan
17 0-P4 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 17 (B) J Norton 7-10-0 ... W Fry (3)
18 -003 STYLISH GENT 12 (D,F,G) G Oldroyd 8-10-0 ... P Midgley

4-1 The Executor, 9-2 Classic Exhibit, 6-1 Glossy, 8-1 Innocent George, Quinta Royale, 10-1 Trumpet, Johnsted, 12-1 Criminal Record, Little Serena, Eastern Magic, 14-1 others.

8.30 HIGHLAND PARK NOVICES CHASE (£3,550: 2m 5f) (5) SKY

1 1312 WISE APPROACH 19 (F,G) K Bailey 8-12-1 ... S McNeill
2 0021 KIVETON TYCOON 13 (B,F,G,S) J Glover 6-11-5 ... A S Smith
3 P ASHE GORSE 13 P Dalton 7-11-0 ... W Marston
4 3565 COURT CIRCULAR 17 (V,F,G) W Clay 6-11-0 ... R Farrant
5 5-U3 FAST RECOVERY 19 C Wall 10-11-0 ... J Ryan

6-5 Kiveton Tycoon, 5-4 Wise Approach, 3-1 Court Circular, 14-1 Fast Recovery, 50-1 Ashe Gorse.

9.00 FAMOUS GROUSE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,709: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 2123 TORDO 12 (B,D,F) C Mann 4-11-8 ... J Railton
2 0013 THE PADRE 19 (B,BF,C,F) Miss H Knight 6-11-7 ... J Osborne
3 0543 MARLINO 19 (D,G) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-1 ... C Llewellyn
4 66 BREAK EVEN 13 (HOL) N Gaselee 7-11-0 ... J R Kavanagh
5 5045 ORGAN RECITAL 38 O Brennan 6-11-0 ... M Brennan
6 P-42 JOLIS ABSENT 104F M Ryan 5-10-9 ... J Ryan
7 R0 SEYMOUR MANORS 26 B Baugh 6-10-9 ... Gary Lyons

7-4 Marlino, 2-1 The Padre, 7-2 Tordo, Jolis Absent, 20-1 Organ Recital, Break Even, 50-1 Seymour Manors.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: C Mann, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Pipe, 48 from 151, 31.8%; T Forster, 13 from 50, 26.0%; O Sherwood, 14 from 57, 24.6%; S Christian, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Ryan, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 27 winners from 103 rides, 26.2%; M Brennan, 5 from 20, 25.0%; J Kavanagh, 7 from 32, 21.9%; S McNeill, 8 from 42, 19%; A S Smith, 3 from 16, 18.8%; C Llewellyn, 12 from 81, 14.8%.

□ Carnegie, last year's Prix de l'Arc winner, is among the 14 acceptors for the group one Vodafone Coronation Cup at Epsom on June 10. They are:

Blue Judge, Broadway Flyer, Carnegie, Environment Friend, Ionio, Midnight Legend, Red Bishop, Sacrament, Shepton Mallet, Sunshack, Tikkanen, Time Star, Zilzal Zamaan, Only Royale

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good to firm straight course, firm round course

2.10 (7f) 1, MARGUERITE BAY (W R Swinburn, 7-1); 2, Sea Thunder (Pat Eddery, 13-8 fav); 3, Summer Retreat (L Dettori, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 By The Bay, 8 Makri (4th), 10 Ron's Secret (5th), 16 Hasaid Lady (6th), 20 Barriyah, 33 Rising River. 9 ran. NR: Lovely Lyca. ½l, 2½l, 1l, 2½l, 3l. E Dunlop at Newmarket. Tote: £8.90; £1.80, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £7.90. Trio: £16.70. CSF: £17.55. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

2.40 (6f) 1, CASTLEREA LAD (L Dettori, 9-2); 2, No Extras (B Rouse, 20-1); 3, Sweet Magic (J Reid, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Golden Lady, 11-2 How's Yer Father (6th), 10 That Man Again (5th), 12 Palacegate Touch, 20 Invocation, 25 My Best Valentine (4th). 9 ran. 2½l, sh hd, 1l, ½l, 2l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £5.20; £1.50, £4.10, £1.40. DF: £72.60. Trio: £81.30. CSF: £89.82. Tricast: £225.46.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, SUBYA (W Carson, 11-2); 2, Tillandsia (M J Kinane, 4-1 fav); 3, Yam (R Hughes, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mandarina (6th), 8 Snowtown, 7 Brave Revival (5th), 11 Blue Zulu, 12 Ksheasinskaya (4th), 25 Fresh Fruit Daily. 9 ran. 1¼l, 1l, 3l, ¾l, hd. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £8.10. Trio: £13.60. CSF: £25.18.

3.40 (1m 6f) 1, MERCADIER (B Doyle, 16-1); 2, Wishing (L Dettori, 11-2); 3, Beauchamp Hero (J Reid, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Saxon Maid (4th), 7 Endless Light (5th), 12 Flight Lieutenant (6th). 6 ran. Nk, 1¾l, 5l, 2l, nk. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £14.10; £4.10, £1.90. DF: £33.50. CSF: £84.05.

4.10 (1m) 1, KINGCHIP BOY (A Clark, 12-1); 2, Captain's Day (J Reid, 12-1); 3, Scottish Park (G Bardwell, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Piquant (6th), 11-2 Whatever's Right (5th), 6 Douce Maison, 9 Another Fiddle (6th), Built For Comfort, Narbonne, 10 Ballynakelly, 16 Lucky Tucky, 50 Across The Bay, Blue Bomber, Thatchmaster (4th). 14 ran. 1l, nk, sh hd, sh hd, hd. M Ryan at Newmarket. Tote: £12.80; £4.10, £4.30, £9.60. DF: £66.00. Trio: £488.50. CSF: £132.17. Tricast: £2,554.97.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, TRADE WIND (A Procter, 7-1); 2, Last Laugh (G Carter, 5-2 fav); 3, Chairmans Choice (B Thomson, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Positivo, 9-2 Irkutsk (4th), 7 Embezzler, 15-2 Kimberley Boy (5th), 50 Sorisky, 66 Head For Heaven (6th). 9 ran. Sh hd, 1l, ½l, 7l, 2½l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £10.70; £2.80, £1.70, £2.90. DF: £10.60. Trio: £61.30. CSF: £23.29.

5.20 (6f) 1, SEA DANE (M J Kinane, 6-1); 2, Dashing Blue (L Dettori, 3-1); 3, Goodwood Rocket (M Hills, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Chalamont (4th), 3 Seven Crowns (6th), 33 Get Tough, No Cliches (5th). 7 ran. NR: Shaha. 4l, nk, 3½l, 5l, 2l. P Harris at Berkhamsted. Tote: £7.80; £3.30, £2.90. DF: £15.00. CSF: £22.00.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £29,017.49 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Placepot: £3,703.60.

Quadpot: not won (pool of £224.20 carried forward to Goodwood today).

Worcester

Going: good

2.25 (2m hdle) 1, CLASSIC PAL (D Skyrme, 20-1); 2, Dubai Falcon (R Bellamy, 20-1); 3, Backgammon (T Grantham, 2-9 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Karline Ka, 33 Lord Wellington (4th), Smooth Hound (5th), 100 Raknagar (6th). 7 ran. 3l, 2l, 6l, 5l, ¾l. N Mitchell at Piddletrenthide. Tote: £22.50; £2.80, £8.20. DF: £110.20. CSF: £241.95.

2.55 (2m hdle) 1, SALINGER (R McCarthy, 4-1 fav); 2, Wamdha (A S Smith, 5-1); 3, Soleil Dancer (Peter Hobbs, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Atherton Green (5th), 13-2 Steve Ford (4th), 7 Barney's Gift, 9 Rewin, 12 Alice's Mirror (6th), 14 Miss Equilia, 20 Eastern Pleasure, On The Sauce, 33 Chain Shot. 12 ran. 2½l, 2l, 3½l, 7l, 12l. J Parkes at Malton. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £1.30, £12.40. DF: £19.10. Trio: £41.90. CSF: £23.12. Tricast: £328.96.

3.25 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, KINGS FOUNTAIN (A Thornton, 7-2); 2, Ardcroney Chief (G Upton, 9-4 fav); 3, King's Smart (A S Smith, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Midfielder (pu), 11-2 Belstone Fox (4th). 5 ran. 20l, 15l, dist. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.70; £2.30, £1.10. DF: £5.00. CSF: £11.24.

3.55 (2m 4f hdle) 1, JATHIB (W Marston, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Kasayid (D Meredith, 5-1); 3, Conti D'Estruval (A P McCoy, 11-4 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Moobakkr, 5 Rustavi (4th), 11 El Grando (pu), 25 Early To Rise (6th), 33 Merchant House (pu), 50 Fever Pitch (5th), Mailyan, 66 Brighton Breezy. 11 ran. 4l, 8l, 11l, 3l, 14l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £2.80, £2.20. DF: £11.10. Trio: £12.90. CSF: £19.37. Tricast: £46.28.

4.25 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, MUSKORA (R Dunwoody, Evens fav); 2, Mr Genealogy (Sophie Mitchell, 5-1); 3, Gone By (C O'Dwyer, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Woman Of The Road (4th), 14 Erlemo (pu), 25 Deciding Bid (5th), 50 Doctor Briggs (pu). 7 ran. 5l, 20l, 15l, 11l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.11.

5.00 (2m flat race) 1, BEST OF FRIENDS (J Osborne, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Take Cover (W Lynch, 12-1); 3, Chai-Yo (T Grantham, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Barton Ward (5th), 8 Sleazey, 9 Careysville (6th), 10 Zhu Jiang, 12 Abari, Freeline Lustre, Tuscan Butterfly, 14 Broomhill Duker, 25 Better Wind, 33 Dirty Dancer, Pegasus, Winter Rose, 50 Totty's Tune, 100 Holdimclose (4th), Iewin Garry. 18 ran. Hd, 4l, 20l, 1½l, 4l. Miss H Knight at Wantage. Tote: £4.60; £2.20, £4.70, £2.90. DF: £38.10. Trio: £218.80 (part won; pool of £95.55 carried forward to 4.10 at Goodwood today). CSF: £52.39.

5.30 (2m flat race) 1, ROWINGTON (R Massey, 13-8 fav); 2, Tristram's Image (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1); 3, Docs Boy (J A McCarthy, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Knightsbridge Scot, 7 Seven Brooks (6th), 14 Ballysokerry, 16 Frequent Vision (4th), 20 False Creek, 25 Baronburn, 33 Flying Freddie, Meadow Dancer (5th), National Case, Pravities, 50 Atlan (pu), Hildene Memory (f), 100 Master Buckley, Wally's Dream. 17 ran. 7l, 1¾l, 5l, 14l, 6l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.40, £4.50. DF: £5.30. Trio: £41.90. CSF: £10.52.

Placepot: £628.70. Quadpot: £7.20.

GOODWOOD SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Charlton, 10 winners from 47 runners, 21.3%; Lady Herries, 8 from 38, 21.1%; L Cumani, 10 from 56, 17.9%; G Lewis, 12 from 75, 16.0%; R Akehurst, 13 from 88, 14.8%; D Wilson, 7 from 49, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 35 winners from 180 rides, 19.4%; J Reid, 34 from 199, 17.1%; R Cochrane, 23 from 157, 14.6%; L Dettori, 22 from 159, 13.8%; Paul Eddery, 16 from 140, 11.4%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 6.15 Mister Maybe. 7.15 Mr Sunnyside. 7.45 Lucky Again. Goodwood: 2.40 Wayne County. 4.10 Noor El Houdah. Newcastle: 2.25 Abduction. 3.55 Spanish Steps. Uttoxeter: 7.00 Doolar.

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Lewis wins appeal

GEOFF LEWIS made a successful appeal against two fixed penalties at a Jockey Club inquiry yesterday. The £110 fines were imposed by the Kempton Park stewards on April 17 for the withdrawal of Anniversarypresent and Robsera. But the committee upheld Lewis's appeal and quashed the fines.

Yorkshire's chance to curb Lamb's ambition

By Simon Wilde

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, the only county with a top-five finish in the championship in each of the last three years, will know more about their title aspirations this season after their visit to Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, over the next five days. The leaders take on Yorkshire, who have won each of their three matches with a day to spare and lie fourth in the table.

Northamptonshire are playing as purposefully as ever under Allan Lamb, whose response to taking control of all aspects of first-team affairs has been to rediscover his best form with the bat. At the age of 40 and in his seventh and last year as captain, he tops the national batting averages and has arguably played match-winning innings in each of the last three matches.

He has received support from some surprising areas. Curran has started scoring runs again, Capel, after two years spoilt by injury, has returned with runs and wickets, and Kumble, the Indian leg spinner, has responded impressively to a heavy workload.

Lamb was one of only five batsmen to score hundreds in the previous round of championship games, just one of which survived beyond lunch on the final day, and there will be as much interest today in the quality of pitches as in the cricket, not least at Sheffield, where Derbyshire were dismissed for 73 last September.

Lamb will be anxious to avoid a similar fate, especially after his side were dismissed for 59 last weekend by Benjamin, 34, and Pigott, 36, of Surrey. Although Northamptonshire's prospects will be enhanced by the absence of Gough, who is on England duty, Yorkshire possess an evergreen seamer of their own in Hartley, the country's leading wicket-taker.

Yorkshire will also be without Moxon, whose broken thumb has not healed, and Warren will continue to deputise for Ripley, the Northamptonshire wicketkeeper, who has a fractured finger.

Three counties take cricket to some of their less regular venues. Gloucestershire entertain Worcestershire in the delightful setting of Archdeacon Meadow, Gloucester, and Lancashire play hosts to Nottinghamshire in the first championship match at Aigburth, Liverpool, for two years. Lancashire, who have dropped only one point in three matches, will discover what life is like without their England players.

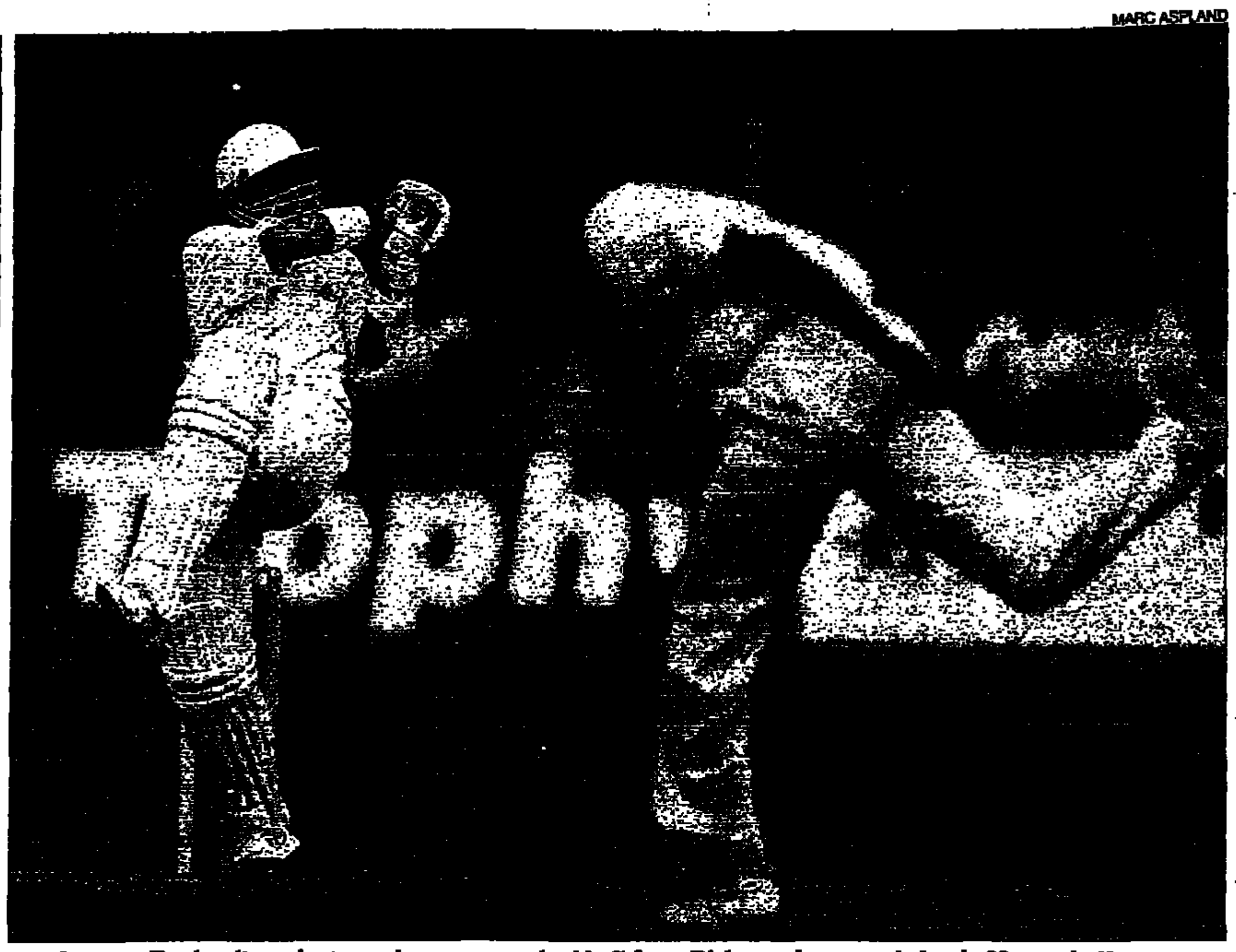
Hampshire, with three defeats and no batting points to show from their championship season, will be hoping that the pitch at the United Services ground, Portsmouth, is not as dry for Sussex's visit as it was when Gloucestershire played there last July when 33 wickets fell in two days.

In the absence of Wells, Sussex will be led for the first time by Salisbury, who took nine Essex wickets in the previous match. He can call on Jarvis and Lenham, both of whom are now fit.

Warwickshire and Somerset, who meet at Edgbaston, are ravaged by injuries. Warwickshire lack Donald, Munton and Ostler, who may be out for three weeks following a knee operation; Somerset add Turner and Ecclestone to a casualty list headed by Caddick and van Troost.

Nixon, the Leicestershire wicketkeeper, plays his first match, against Durham, since breaking a finger on April 19.

MARC ASPLAND



Stewart, England's mainstay, seizes on a rare bad ball from Bishop, who conceded only 30 runs in 11 overs

Bishop's career back on course



MICHAEL HENDERSON

at Trent Bridge

The skies that hung over Nottingham were grey and heavy with rain. For Richie Richardson, they probably looked blue through and through, with a crock of gold on the other side of the Trent. At summer's end, when the Test series has been won and lost, the West Indies captain may recall this unremarkable first Texaco Trophy international as the day something important happened.

This is only one-day cricket, of course; the Tests will make greater demands of Ian Bishop's mind and body. There were no trumpet peals or clashes of cymbal to serenade him back to the dressing-room after England had been held to a modest total. But he had got through his quota of 11 overs on his first game back in the side and taken the wicket of Neil Fairbrother, which he celebrated with a raised fist as if to say: "I'm still here".

He is a survivor all right. In the past three years, since injury blighted a career of abundant promise, there have been times when Bishop wondered if he would ever bowl another ball in international cricket. Twice he has undergone operations on a back which first played up in 1991 and kept him out of cricket for two years.

At 27, he has at least three years of fast bowling in him at Test level, if he can maintain his fitness, and how Richardson need his wickets. Courtney Walsh, heroic at times, is close to burn-out. Curtly Ambrose appears sated, to the point of lacking interest. The "Benjamin sisters", as some disgruntled Caribbean followers dub Winston and Kenneth, fall short of the standards their predecessors set.

To give some idea of how far Bishop has fallen in the estimation of others, he does not feature in this season's *Playfair Cricket Annual*. One has to search elsewhere to find his performances in Test cricket: 83 wickets at 20 apiece from 18 appearances. Ambrose, by comparison, has taken 237 wickets in 54 Tests at 21. Had Bishop been spared injury, and developed as the early part of his career suggested he might, there would not be much to separate them, statistically speaking.

When he toured England four years ago, Bishop looked a marvellous prospect. He had already played for Derbyshire by then, signed at Michael Holding's prompting, although his county career is a thing of the past. Derbyshire re-engaged him for the 1993 season, after accepting a specialist's report on his back, and were badly misled. Only this winter, when he returned to the Trinidad team for the Red Stripe Cup, did Bishop finally prove he was fit and available for selection.

He ran in like a good 'un from the Pavilion End yesterday, bowling three more overs than Ambrose, who seems more and more an unhappy figure, if not yet a marginal one. Perhaps, in the words of the Sondheim song, he feels that "weighty affairs will just have to wait", but it is not something appealing from his captain's point of view. Something appalling, more like.

Ambrose has never been the most generous of cricketers. His manner gives the impression of a man who is doing something he doesn't particularly like, for the scrutiny of people he doesn't have any consideration for. He is a great fast bowler but a signally ungracious man.

Dashing Ward runs riot for Kent

By Ivo Tennant

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 164 for three wickets against Glamorgan

NORTH or south of the Medway, east or west of Neath, Trevor Ward scores runs against Glamorgan. Two more in the Britannic Assurance county championship here yesterday and he would have achieved his seventh century in eight first-class matches, a stupendous record. He can be forgiven for running himself out.

Twice Ward has taken two centuries in a match off Glamorgan. They know everything about his game, his relative weakness against spin, his stiff hands, and yet cannot bowl at him. When he crashes the ball around like this, it is hard to imagine that England have never picked him for a limited-overs international.

If he appears to be primarily a one-day batsman, that is because he scores his runs so quickly. For every single that the likes of Benson and Taylor glance or square drive, he seems to pick out a boundary-board or, one should say here, a rhododendron.

Ward lost both partners during this innings, the captain caught at cover point from a casual drive at Dale and Taylor through a broken knuckle when fending off a rising ball from Thomas. Neither did Walker last long. He also drove too expansively outside off stump, giving Metson his 500th victim for Glamorgan.

Ward was dropped when he had made just nine, a straightforward chance to second slip off Watkin. But other than a couple of balls from Croft, he was not troubled after that.

Ward had made 98 off 139 balls when he misjudged the youthful vigour of Thomas at wide mid-on. It was perhaps as well that it rained soon afterwards, for any play that remained would have been anti-climactic.

IN BRIEF

Powell's Windsor objective

RODNEY POWELL, who missed Badminton this month because his horse, Comic Relief, had sustained a minor injury, is hoping for consolation at the weekend when he competes with Cambrai Apollo in the Brittany Ferries Windsor International Horse Trials, which start today in the Great Park (Jenny MacArthur writes).

Blyth Tait, the former world champion, and two of the riders who are long-listed for the European championships in September — Katie Parker and Kristina Gifford — have withdrawn after injuries to their horses.

Eden takes stage

Cycling: Ray Eden, a bike courier in central London, who started racing only two years ago, had his biggest success yesterday when he won the 102-mile fifth stage of the Irish FBD Milk Race. Eden won a sprint with Biom Glasner, of Germany, by half a length after the pair had built up a lead of 42 seconds on the chasing pack. Phil Cassidy, of Ireland, retained the yellow jersey.

Mixed success

Badminton: Four England pairs won through to the last 16 of the mixed doubles at the world championships in Lausanne yesterday. The young partnership of Ian Pearson and Joanne Davies beat Druzchenko and Evtoushenko, of the Ukraine, who were seeded in the 9-16 category, 0-15, 15-6, 15-4.

Hall shows way

Golf: Julie Hall scored a level-par 72 on the second day of her spirited attempt to retain the English women's amateur championship on her home course at Ipswich yesterday. Hall's splendid effort in the second qualifying round left her at the head of the pack on the one-under-par mark.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES FANTASY FIRST XI GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	The Cunning Weasels (G Bell)	5188
2	The Baggies XI (Mr R Edwards)	5161
3	Dave's Demons (D Tattoo)	5115
4	Spread Eaglets (Mr P Stewart)	5111
5	Akhtar's XI (D Akhtar)	5109
6	Jeffs Gems (J L Gosling)	5109
7	Wiskeshire (Mr R B Cave)	5102
8	George's Eleven (3180495081)	5101
9	Old Bartonians (Mr J Bartlett)	5079
10	11 Earp Brothers (M Dunn)	5066
11	Skill And Luck (Mr I Hunt)	5065
12	Oakmickdave (R Jeffrey)	5056
13	Dartford Diamonds (Mr D S Chapman)	5046
14	Khanna's XI (Mr V Khanna)	5033
15	Paddys Package (I P Campbell)	5032
16	The Incapables (J L Renwick)	5031
17	Ivys First XI (Mr I Boyle)	5030
18	The Run Rats (L Tattoo)	5019
19	Malcolm Devon XI (D Reynolds)	5013
20	Hexham Strollers (Mr J M Hewlett)	5013
21	Hurrican Henry (Mr H Paul)	4990
22	Taylors Titans (Mr M Taylor)	4984
23	Hobbeshire (Mr P Kentish)	4982
24	The Swan Ganz (Mr C House)	4979
25	Elmos A Cheat (Mr D Hutchinson)	4971
26	The Salmon Eleven (Mr S P Vann)	4966
27	Knomes XI (Mr P Sherlock)	4965
28	Rochdale Villa (Mr M Turner)	4952
29	The Mickshire Third XI (Mr J Piesse)	4937
30	Weather Report (Mr H Paul)	4933
31	Bring Back Botham (Mr A Crossley)	4932
32	Rich Tickings (R Smith)	4925
33	The Carp CC (Mr S P Vann)	4922
34	Norfolk Nomads (I R Nelson)	4922
35	Millwall XI (Mr J Saggiorato)	4917
36	Amadeus XI (K Nicholas)	4916
37	No Chance XI (M Short)	4916
38	All Out For A Duck (Mr G Lynch)	4912
39	Type Stuff XI (Mr S Sampson)	4911
40	Samuel Betick 11 (Mr J Siney)	4909
41	Baldy's Wonders (Mr S Kemp)	4907
42	Penney Llong (H Paul)	4904
43	Super Stigs XI (Mr G Oliver)	4901
44	County Pine K10 (J Hunt)	4896
45	Birch Grove Cricket Club (Mr I H Hutchinson)	4894
46	Farm Labourers XI (J F Taylor)	4889
47	Independence Day (Mr S Vale)	4888
48	Akhter's XI (D Akhter)	4884
49	Woosters 11 (I Johnston)	4882
50	All Gess Are Mahic (Mr R MacDonald)	4881
51	KP Fantasy 1 (K R Patel)	4881
52	Great Western Railways C C (Mr V Ladwa)	4878
53	Best Bloom B Eleven (Mr R Bloom)	4878
54	Dougs Demons 1 (Mr D H Forbes)	4878
55	(6277820075)	4877
56	County Pine E5 (J Hunt)	4877
57	Flying Balls (J Mant)	4866
58	Wells Go Far (Mrs K T Sullivan)	4865
59	Opportunists (P Stuart)	4862
60	Ifieldshire (M Morris)	4860
61	Ram's Sc (Mr M Slater)	4851
62	On The Greenside (P Penny)	4848
63	Simmondley Sock (Mr P A Rodgers)	4847
64	Young Tavare's (M Bees)	4846
65	Wells For England (Mr D Honey)	4845
66	Eleven CC (Mr M Seabrook)	4843
67	The Wick Setters (Mr D Wicks)	4843
68	Quacker Jacks (Mr J E Palmer)	4843
69	Nil Pwoint (M G Carter)	4843
70	Morris Dancers (G Morris)	4842
71	Deepdale XI (Mr A Marlow)	4841
72	Brunos Catlike B (H J Taylor)	4840
73	Old Valians (G Jones)	4838
74	Claremont Five (M C Gardiner)	4837
75	Turkish Delight (C Willis)	4836
76	Marks First XI (Mr M E Diddridge)	4836
77	Mysterons (Mr P S Stewart)	4836
78	KP Fantasy Team 7 (K R Patel)	4835
79	Forsters Finest (Mr A Forster)	4834
80	Speedball Babies (Mr R Head)	4826
81	Yarns XI (Mr A Donkersley)	4826
82	Simmondley Jock (Mr P A Rodgers)	4822
83	Drab CC Seventh Eleven (D Edbrook-Spainer)	4819
84	The Early Birds (Mr B Howes)	4819
85	Quenganen 1st XI (Mr G Morillon)	4817
86	Team Kabbadi (P Curtis)	4816
87	Hong Kong Phooey (M Plum)	4814
88	Sawley's XI (M Sawley)	4809
89	Seampickers XI (J Ellerby)	4809
90	Lobenguia's XI (P A Coulson)	4809
91	Laphroaig Malt (Mr P K Stevenson)	4808
92	Taunton A (Mr J Hunt)	4806
93	Village Green XI (Mr M P Darbyshire)	4805
94	Busters Beauties (P Maisner)	4804
95	Rockets Eleven (M A Stevenson)	4804
96	Mc Fromage's XI (Mr G Wade)	4804
97	No Twelth Man (Mr M E Jones)	4802
98	Boundary Men (Mr N Ryding)	4801
99	Fantasy Eleven (L Bentley)	4800
100	Saudlish (D Ellison)	4799

☐ Colin Bannerman, of Weyhill, Andover, wins the £250 weekly prize in our Fantasy First XI cricket competition. His team, Bannermanana, accumulated 1373 points.

THE TIMES FANTASY FIRST XI SCOREBOARD

Scores in brackets relate to the points scored in the last week of the game; others relate to the season-long game. Figures include all matches completed by May 22.

Batsmen (001-113)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total		Inj
C J Adams (001)	196	(61)	0	(0)	196	(61)	
J C Adams (002)	123	(123)	0	(0)	123	(123)	
G F Archer (003)	135	(0)	0	(0)	135	(0)	
K L T Arthurton (004)	47	(47)	0	(0)	47	(47)	
Asif Din (005)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
M A Atherton (006)	444	(54)	0	(0)	444	(54)	
C W J Athey (007)	272	(29)	0	(0)	272	(29)	
R J Bailey (008)	209	(36)	1	(0)	229	(36)	
K J Barnett (009)	320	(82)	3	(1)	380	(102)	
M R Benson (010)	369	(60)	0	(0)	369	(60)	
M G Bevan (011)	335	(73)	0	(0)	335	(73)	
D J Bicknell (012)	210	(33)	0	(0)	210	(33)	
T J Boon (013)	100	(0)	0	(0)	100	(0)	
P D Bowler (014)	330	(84)	0	(0)	330	(84)	
N E Briers (015)	288	(66)	0	(0)	288	(66)	
A D Brown (016)	335	(10)	0	(0)	335	(10)	
D Byas (017)	551	(102)	0	(0)	551	(102)	
S L Campbell (018)	219	(219)	0	(0)	219	(219)	
J D Carr (019)	191	(20)	0	(0)	191	(20)	
S Chanderpaul (020)	89	(89)	0	(0)	89	(89)	
M J Church (021)	69	(5)	0	(0)	69	(5)	
P A Cottey (022)	308	(56)	1	(0)	328	(56)	
G R Cowdrey (023)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
J P Crawley (024)	274	(55)	0	(0)	274	(55)	
W J Cronje (025)	242	(33)	3	(1)	302	(53)	
D J Cullinan (026)	267	(0)	0	(0)	267	(0)	
T S Curtis (027)	225	(37)	0	(0)	225	(37)	
J A Daley (028)	348	(31)	0	(0)	348	(31)	
R I Dawson (029)	107	(0)	0	(0)	107	(0)	
P A de Silva (030)	217	(28)	1	(1)	237	(48)	
M P Dowman (031)	391	(125)	0	(0)	391	(125)	
N H Fairbrother (032)	210	(31)	0	(0)	210	(31)	
A Fordham (033)	147	(9)	0	(0)	147	(9)	
J E R Gallian (034)	157	(0)	7	(3)	297	(60)	
M W Gatting (035)	166	(3)	0	(0)	166	(3)	
G A Gooch (036)	519	(37)	0	(0)	519	(37)	
A P Grayson (037)	168	(6)	2	(0)	208	(6)	
K Greenfield (038)	263	(172)	0	(0)	263	(172)	
J W Hall (039)	143	(25)	0	(0)	143	(25)	
T H C Hancock (040)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
R J Harden (041)	303	(78)	0	(0)	303	(78)	
A N Hayhurst (042)	184	(7)	6	(2)	304	(47)	
G R Haynes (043)	175	(12)	4	(0)	255	(12)	
D L Hemp (044)	210	(50)	2	(0)	250	(50)	
G D Hodgson (045)	311	(0)	0	(0)	311	(0)	
A J Hollioake (046)	413	(101)	7	(0)	553	(101)	
N Hussain (047)	345	(86)	0	(0)	345	(86)	
S Hutton (048)	36	(0)	0	(0)	36	(0)	
S P James (049)	199	(37)	0	(0)	199	(37)	
P Johnson (050)	204	(0)	0	(0)	204	(0)	
M Keech (051)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
S A Kellett (052)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
N V Knight (053)	250	(93)	0	(0)	250	(93)	
A J Lamb (054)	470	(170)	0	(0)	470	(170)	
B C Lara (055)	78	(78)	0	(0)	78	(78)	
M N Lathwell (056)	160	(83)	0	(0)	160	(83)	
W Larkins (057)	208	(58)	0	(0)	208	(58)	
D A Leatherdale (058)	168	(1)	4	(0)	248	(1)	
N J Lenham (059)	83	(0)	0	(0)	83	(0)	
J J B Lewis (060)	210	(21)	0	(0)	210	(21)	
N J Llong (061)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
G D Lloyd (062)	220	(75)	0	(0)	220	(75)	
J I Longley (063)	48	(0)	0	(0)	48	(0)	
M B Loye (064)	8	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)	
M A Lynch (065)	209	(0)	0	(0)	209	(0)	
G I MacMillan (066)	153	(15)	4	(1)	233	(35)	
M P Maynard (067)	365	(38)	0	(0)	365	(38)	
A A Metcalfe (068)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
T C Middleton (069)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
A J Moles (070)	377	(112)	0	(0)	377	(112)	
R R Montgomerie (071)	222	(0)	0	(0)	222	(0)	
T M Moody (072)	191	(0)	1	(0)	211	(0)	
H Morris (073)	333	(12)	0	(0)	333	(12)	
J E Morris (074)	535	(153)	0	(0)	535	(153)	
R S M Morris (075)	178	(87)	0	(0)	178	(87)	
M D Moxon (076)	258	(0)	0	(0)	258	(0)	
M C J Nicholas (077)	204	(44)	0	(0)	204	(44)	
T J G O'Gorman (078)	108	(11)	0	(0)	108	(11)	
D P Ostler (079)	457	(25)	0	(0)	457	(25)	
B Parker (080)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
T L Penney (081)	261	(56)	0	(0)	261	(56)	
P R Pollard (082)	102	(0)	0	(0)	102	(0)	
J C Pooley (083)	198	(9)	0	(0)	198	(9)	
P J Prichard (084)	167	(13)	0	(0)	167	(13)	
M R Ramprakash (085)	412	(1)	0	(0)	412	(1)	
T A Radford (086)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
J D Ratcliffe (087)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
R B Richardson (088)	5	(5)	0	(0)	5	(5)	
D D J Robinson (089)	102	(0)	0	(0)	102	(0)	
P E Robinson (090)	99	(0)	0	(0)	99	(0)	
R T Robinson (091)	153	(0)	0	(0)	153	(0)	
A S Rollins (092)	113	(0)	0	(0)	113	(0)	
M A Roseberry (093)	205	(27)	0	(0)	205	(27)	
D J Sales (094)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
M Saxelby (095)	191	(25)	2	(0)	231	(25)	
N Shahid (096)	53	(0)	2	(0)	93	(0)	
A Singh (097)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
B F Smith (098)	53	(17)	0	(0)	53	(17)	
R A Smith (099)	221	(42)	0	(0)	221	(42)	
N J Speak (100)	177	(16)	0	(0)	177	(16)	
M P Speight (101)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
A J Stewart (102)	309	(48)	0	(0)	309	(48)	
A Symonds (103)	301	(0)	0	(0)	301	(0)	
N R Taylor (104)	292	(111)	0	(0)	292	(111)	
V P Terry (105)	211	(85)	0	(0)	211	(85)	
G P Thorpe (106)	119	(42)	0	(0)	119	(42)	
S P Titchard (107)	8	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)	
M E Trescothick (108)	216	(24)	0	(0)	216	(24)	
R G Twose (109)	236	(53)	6	(3)	356	(113)	
M P Vaughan (110)	239	(77)	4	(0)	319	(77)	
M J Walker (111)	115	(62)	0	(0)	115	(62)	
D M Ward (112)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
T R Ward (113)	219	(8)	0	(0)	219	(8)	
R J Warren (114)	78	(39)	0	(0)	78	(39)	
M E Waugh (115)	66	(66)	4	(4)	146	(146)	
A P Wells (116)	550	(73)	0	(0)	550	(73)	
W P C Weston (117)	160	(1)	0	(0)	160	(1)	
G W White (118)	135	(25)	0	(0)	135	(25)	
J J Whitaker (119)	250	(120)	0	(0)	250	(120)	
P R Whitaker (120)	28	(0)	0	(0)	28	(0)	
S C Williams (121)	23	(23)	0	(0)	23	(23)	
M G N Windows (122)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	
A J Wright (123)	346	(0)	0	(0)	346	(0)	

All-rounders (124-165)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
M W Alleyne (124)	215	(0)	2	(0)	255	(0)
I D Austin (125)	64	(0)	2	(0)	104	(0)
P Bainbridge (126)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M A Butcher (127)	407	(60)	3	(0)	467	(60)
C L Cairns (128)	216	(0)	7	(0)	356	(0)
D G Cork (129)	142	(6)	27	(5)	682	(106)
R D B Croft (130)	306	(16)	12	(3)	546	(76)
K M Curran (131)	302	(126)	6	(0)	422	(126)
A Dale (132)	299	(8)	5	(2)	399	(48)
P A J DeFreitas (133)	71	(31)	18	(2)	431	(71)
S C Ecclestone (134)	137	(6)	2	(1)	177	(26)
K P Evans (135)	194	(0)	4	(0)	274	(0)
M V Fleming (136)	102	(0)	1	(0)	122	(0)
O D Gibson (137)	4	(4)	2	(2)	44	(44)
G A Hick (138)	132	(0)	0	(0)	132	(0)
C L Hooper (139)	176	(176)	0	(0)	176	(176)
R C Irani (140)	174	(72)	2	(2)	214	(112)
K D James (141)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Lampitt (142)	64	(5)	7	(1)	204	(25)
C C Lewis (143)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G W Mike (144)	126	(66)	7	(3)	266	(126)
Mushtaq Ahmed (145)	76	(12)	13	(3)	336	(72)
D J Nash (146)	78	(21)	18	(3)	438	(81)
A L Penberthy (147)	6	(6)	2	(2)	46	(46)
M Prabhakar (148)	270	(93)	9	(3)	450	(153)
D A Reeve (149)	218	(51)	10	(5)	418	(151)
G D Rose (150)	254	(15)	11	(1)	474	(35)
A W Smith (151)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N M K Smith (152)	149	(0)	7	(0)	289	(0)
P A Smith (153)	67	(47)	4	(3)	147	(107)
J N Snape (154)	124	(0)	2	(0)	164	(0)
F D Stephenson (155)	180	(28)	16	(3)	500	(88)
J P Stephenson (156)	50	(10)	13	(4)	310	(90)
C M Tolley (157)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S D Udal (158)	108	(6)	7	(7)	248	(146)
Wasim Akram (159)	31	(11)	18	(9)	391	(191)
M Watkinson (160)	287	(0)	13	(0)	547	(0)
G Welch (161)	2	(0)	2	(0)	42	(0)
C M Wells (162)	71	(69)	0	(0)	71	(69)
V J Wells (163)	188	(30)	9	(4)	368	(110)
P N Weekes (164)	113	(43)	0	(0)	113	(43)
C White (165)	362	(8)	6	(2)	482	(48)

Wicketkeepers (166-185)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
A N Aymes (166)	163	(61)	13	(5)	423	(161)
R J Blakey (167)	164	(4)	15	(6)	464	(124)
K R Brown (168)	167	(37)	17	(5)	507	(137)
M A Garnham (169)	48	(0)	1	(0)	68	(0)
W K Hegg (170)	188	(20)	10	(1)	388	(40)
G J Kersey (171)	164	(67)	18	(5)	524	(167)
K M Krikken (172)	36	(0)	4	(0)	116	(0)
S A Marsh (173)	184	(0)	6	(0)	304	(0)
C P Metson (174)	71	(18)	20	(2)	471	(58)
P Moores (175)	214	(180)	10	(1)	414	(200)
J R Murray (176)	26	(26)	2	(2)	66	(66)
P A Nixon (177)	51	(0)	2	(0)	91	(0)
W M Noon (178)	75	(73)	4	(0)	155	(73)
K J Piper (179)	62	(54)	11	(6)	282	(174)
S J Rhodes (180)	97	(13)	12	(2)	337	(53)
D Ripley (181)	55	(0)	1	(0)	75	(0)
R C Russell (182)	108	(0)	11	(0)	328	(0)
N F Sargeant (183)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C W Scott (184)	140	(0)	9	(0)	320	(0)
R J Turner (185)	53	(27)	11	(3)	273	(87)

Bowlers (186-287)

Player (No)	Runs		Wkts		Total	
J A Afford (186)	18	(0)	9	(0)	198	(0)
U Afzal (187)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C E L Ambrose (188)	19	(19)	0	(0)	19	(19)
S J W Andrew (189)	3	(0)	1	(0)	23	(0)
M C J Ball (190)	144	(0)	9	(0)	324	(0)
A A Barnett (191)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S R Barwick (192)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J Base (193)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J D Batty (194)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J E Benjamin (195)	45	(11)	23	(8)	505	(171)
K C G Benjamin (196)	0	(0)	2	(2)	40	(40)
W K M Benjamin (197)	4	(4)	1	(1)	24	(24)
M P Bicknell (198)	41	(0)	7	(0)	181	(0)
J Boiling (199)	65	(25)	5	(0)	165	(25)
J N B Bovill (200)	38	(1)	18	(3)	398	(61)
J E Brinkley (201)	5	(0)	1	(0)	25	(0)
M Broadhurst (202)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
S J E Brown (203)	101	(16)	25	(11)	601	(236)
A R Caddick (204)	54	(0)	5	(0)	154	(0)
G Chapple (205)	119	(40)	13	(4)	379	(120)
J H Childs (206)	18	(10)	14	(2)	298	(50)
C A Connor (207)	60	(33)	12	(3)	300	(93)
N G B Cook (208)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
K E Cooper (209)	32	(0)	2	(0)	72	(0)
D M Cousins (210)	56	(5)	6	(0)	176	(5)
N G Cowans (211)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D M Cox (212)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R P Davis (213)	79	(17)	7	(0)	219	(17)
M Dimond (214)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A A Donald (215)	57	(0)	16	(0)	377	(0)
M A Ealham (216)	265	(31)	6	(1)	385	(51)
J E Emburey (217)	85	(25)	11	(3)	305	(85)
M A Feltham (218)	44	(14)	10	(1)	244	(34)
M G Field-Buss (219)	0	(0)	1	(1)	20	(20)
D P J Flint (220)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M J Foster (221)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
A R C Fraser (222)	23	(0)	14	(0)	303	(0)
E S H Giddins (223)	74	(34)	17	(6)	414	(154)
D Gough (224)	59	(8)	22	(3)	499	(68)
F A Griffith (225)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Hartley (226)	46	(10)	32	(8)	686	(170)
D W Headley (227)	26	(5)	16	(4)	346	(85)
E E Hemmings (228)	14	(14)	5	(1)	114	(34)
J E Hindson (229)	70	(53)	11	(2)	290	(93)
J G Hughes (230)	7	(0)	5	(0)	107	(0)
A P Igglesden (231)	33	(33)	4	(4)	113	(113)
R K Illingworth (232)	26	(0)	14	(3)	306	(60)
M C Ilott (233)	109	(34)	19	(10)	489	(234)
P W Jarvis (234)	4	(0)	0	(0)	4	(0)
R L Johnson (235)	5	(5)	3	(3)	65	(65)
G Keedy (236)	30	(0)	11	(0)	250	(0)
N M Kendrick (237)	61	(0)	9	(0)	241	(0)
A R Kumble (238)	77	(3)	23	(7)	537	(143)
D R Law (239)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R P Lefebvre (240)	55	(42)	6	(0)	175	(42)
J D Lewry (241)	51	(5)	8	(1)	211	(25)
S Lugsden (242)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M J McCague (243)	95	(53)	15	(7)	395	(193)
D E Malcolm (244)	69	(25)	24	(2)	549	(65)
N A Mallender (245)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Martin (246)	184	(35)	17	(4)	524	(115)
R J Maru (247)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
D J Millns (248)	158	(8)	11	(2)	378	(48)
A D Mullally (249)	34	(3)	18	(7)	394	(143)
T A Munton (250)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
P J Newport (251)	49	(0)	12	(0)	289	(0)
G J Parsons (252)	118	(27)	9	(6)	298	(147)
M M Patel (253)	172	(45)	18	(2)	532	(85)
R M Pearson (254)	27	(0)	6	(0)	147	(0)
D B Pennett (255)	31	(0)	2	(1)	71	(20)
R A Pick (256)	34	(0)	8	(0)	194	(0)
A R K Pierson (257)	53	(0)	7	(0)	193	(0)
A C S Pigott (258)	45	(24)	15	(11)	345	(244)
V J Pike (259)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
N V Radford (260)	34	(0)	6	(0)	154	(0)
A R Roberts (261)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
M A Robinson (262)	14	(7)	15	(4)	314	(87)
I D K Salisbury (263)	97	(43)	13	(9)	357	(223)
K J Shine (264)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
C E W Silverwood (265)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
G C Small (266)	47	(0)	15	(0)	347	(0)
A M Smith (267)	2	(0)	12	(0)	242	(0)
V S Solanki (268)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Srinath (269)	36	(0)	14	(0)	316	(0)
H H Streak (270)	84	(31)	5	(2)	184	(71)
I G S Steer (271)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
R D Stemp (272)	30	(8)	9	(1)	210	(28)
P M Such (273)	63	(25)	16	(2)	383	(65)
J P Taylor (274)	58	(10)	18	(5)	418	(110)
S D Thomas (275)	23	(0)	4	(0)	103	(0)
M J Thursfield (276)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
H R J Trump (277)	14	(1)	10	(3)	214	(61)
P C R Tufnell (278)	17	(0)	12	(0)	257	(0)
A P van Troost (279)	6	(0)	4	(0)	86	(0)
C A Walsh (280)	0	(0)	5	(5)	100	(100)
A E Warner (281)	85	(43)	5	(1)	185	(63)
S L Watkin (282)	41	(10)	30	(7)	641	(150)
N F Williams (283)	12	(0)	8	(0)	172	(0)
R C Williams (284)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)
J Wood (285)	86	(13)	14	(1)	366	(33)
G Yates (286)	85	(21)	5	(0)	185	(21)
R S Yeabsley (287)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)

☐ One point is awarded for each run, 20 points for each wicket. Wickets include catches and stumpings by wicketkeepers, but not catches by fielders.
☐ *Source: TCCB/PA Cricket Record*

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

LAUSANNE: World championships: Selected results: Singles: Men: 9th-16th places: L Kwang-jin (S Kor) bt P Knowles (Eng) 5-15, 15-5, 15-6; D Jiong (China) bt R Nock (Eng) 15-6, 15-13. 5th-8th places: H Susanto (Indo) bt B Flockhart (Scot) 15-6, 15-10; D Hall (Eng) bt E Garcia (Sp) 15-4, 15-3. Women: Third round: C Bengtsson (Swe) bt S More (Eng) 11-6, 11-2; M Sakamoto (Japan) bt J Mann (Eng) 11-6, 11-4. Fourth round: R Kyung-min (S Kor) bt J Muggeridge (Eng) 11-1, 11-1.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 5 Milwaukee 3; Detroit 6 Minnesota 4 (final in 7 inns); Toronto 10 Kansas City 6; California 10 New York 0; Baltimore 8 Oakland 1; Boston 5 Seattle 4 (10 inns). Postponed: Chicago v Texas.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Cincinnati 10 Houston 5; Montreal 6 San Diego 4; Philadelphia 6 San Francisco 5; Florida 6 Pittsburgh 1; Los Angeles 6 New York 4; Chicago 7 Colorado 6; Atlanta 7 St Louis 1

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Orlando 105 Indiana 101 (Orlando leads best-of-seven series 1-0).

BOXING

TOKYO: World Boxing Council super-flyweight championship (12rds): Hiroshi Kawashima (Japan, holder) bt Lee Seung-Koo (S Kor) pts.

POTTERS BAR: British lightweight championship (12rds): Michael Ayres (Tooting) bt Charles Shepherd (Carlisle) rsc 3rd.

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

Kent v Glamorgan

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 164 for three wickets against Glamorgan

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward run out	98
*M R Benson c Croft b Dale	14
N R Taylor retired hurt	13
P A de Silva not out	32
M J Walker c Metson b Anthony	6
M A Ealham not out	0
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (3 wkts, 58 overs)	164

M A Ealham, †S A Marsh, M M Patel, M J McCague, D W Headley and A P Igglesden to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-148, 3-162.

BOWLING: Watkin 14-1-50-0; Anthony 8-2-22-1; Thomas 9-0-47-0; Dale 5-2-14-1; Croft 14-6-21-0; Kendrick 3-0-10-0.

GLAMORGAN: A Dale, *H Morris, D L Hemp, M P Maynard, A A Cottey, R D B Croft, H A G Anthony, N M Kendrick, S D Thomas, †C P Metson, S L Watkin.

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Second day of three): Felling: Durham 190 and 216-4 (J I Longley 132); Surrey 337. Canterbury: Kent 327 and 272-6 dec (N J Llong 76, G R Cowdrey 72); Sussex 153 and 52-1. Solihull: Hampshire 393-8 dec and 61-2; Warwickshire 317 (A F Giles 50, A Singh 94). Taunton: Somerset 342 and 161-3 (R J Turner 73); Lancashire 196 (D J Shadford 55, J C Hallett 4-36). Bristol: Gloucestershire 314-6 dec (R J Cunliffe 131 not out, T H C Hancock 59); Essex 312 and 92-4. Worcester: Worcestershire 397-9 dec and 228-4 dec (D A Leatherdale 108); Leicestershire 254 (C D Crowe 58, Parvaz Mirza 6-89) and 31-0. Harrow: Middlesex 407-8 dec and 25-2; Northamptonshire 301-5 dec (D J Sales 91). Swansea: Glamorgan 307 and 119-4; Yorkshire 174 (A McGrath 73, A C Morris 67 not out, G P Butcher 4-24).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Giggleswick 180-9, Forty Club 138-6; *Reed's 197-4, Worth 66 (Hilton 8-29); Worth 103, *Sevenoaks 104-1 (*denotes home team)

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Eleventh stage (175km, Pietrasanta to Il Ciocco): 1, E Zaina (It, Carrera) 4hr 37min 36sec; 2, N Rodriguez (Col, ZG Mobili) same time; 3, G Simoni (It, AKI Gipiemme) at 22sec; 4, G Furlan (It, Gewiss Ballan) 35; 5, P Ugrumov (Lat, Gewiss Ballan) 43; 6, T Rominger (Switz, Mapei GB) same time. Overall positions: 1, Rominger 44:09:59; 2, Ugrumov at 3:08; 3, E Berzin (Russ, Gewiss Ballan) 3:16.

FBD IRISH MILK RACE: Fourth stage: (Tipperary to Dingle, 108 miles): 1, P Chmielewski (Pol) 4hr 20min 51sec; 2, J Wright (Lancaster) at 47sec; 3, M Stephens (N Wirral), at 51sec. Overall: 1, P Cassidy (Ire) 15:34:07; 2, P McQuaid (Ire), same time; 3, T Evans (Antrim), at 39sec; 4, M McKay (Liverpool) at 1:15.

KMART CLASSIC: First stage (85 1km circuit race through Wheeling, West Virginia): 1, F Andreu (US, Motorola) 2hs 8min 16sec; 2, B Walton (Saturn, Can) at 2sec; 3, L Armstrong (US, Motorola) 33.

FOOTBALL

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DUTCH LEAGUE: Groningen 2 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 3

SCHOOLS MATCH: Under-15 international: Ireland 2 England 0 (in Dublin).

GOLF

IPSWICH: English women's amateur championship: Early second-round scores: 143: J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) 71, 72. 147: K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) 73, 74. 148: E Ratcliffe (Stirling University) 76, 72. 150: E Duggleby (Malton and Norton) 75, 75. 151: K Rostron (Clitheroe) 79, 72; G Nutter (Prestwich) 75, 76

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: Western Conference: Detroit 6 San Jose 2 (Detroit leads best-of-seven series 2-0). Chicago 2 Vancouver 0 (Chicago leads best-of-seven series 2-0).

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Victoria	19	England A	76

Victoria: Tries: Goodman 2, Strauss. Cons: Goodman 2. England A: Tries: Dawson 3, Hackney 2, Hill, Holford, Regan, Sheasby, Yates, penalty tries 2. Cons: Pears 5, Stimpson 3

(in Melbourne)

TENNIS

DÜSSELDORF: ATP World Team Cup: Red Group: Croatia beat Spain 2-1. (Croatia names first: G Ivanisevic bt A Berasategui 1-6, 6-3, 7-5, S Hirszon lost to C Costa 3-6, 3-6; Ivanisevic and Hirszon bt Berasategui and Costa 7-5, 6-3). Blue Group: Sweden beat Australia 3-0. (Sweden names first: S Edberg bt P Rafter 6-4, 6-7, 7-5, M Larsson bt J Stoltenberg 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; Edberg and J Bjorkman bt M Woodforde and T Woodbridge 7-6, 7-6.

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Injury deprives new South Africa of its most potent symbol


Williams: flag-bearer

Last week, Chester Williams privately confronted the truth. He took the decision that, for the good of his country, he must declare himself unfit to be its hero figure when the curtain rises today on the biggest non-political event in South Africa's history.

By a regrettable twist, the kick-off for the third rugby union World Cup will be devoid of its most conspicuous symbol of the new era: the black superstar in this former white man's domain.

In the same way that rugby has for so long been the metaphor of the old South African society, so Williams, 24, the wing from Paarl, who has scored seven tries in 11 internationals, would for the next four weeks, more than President Mandela, have carried the spirit of the nation. This electric yet modest sportsman is the manifestation of new freedom.

Williams, the only black man in the squad, was going out today at Newlands, the former hallowed altar of white supremacy, to run for South Africa as nobody had ever run before. A million voices in his wake would have willed him on. It is not to be. What had seemed no more than cramp in the recent match against Western Samoa was a torn hamstring. The slogan, "one team, one country", had suddenly lost its most visible representation.

"I could have stayed and chanced it," Williams said, "but more than anything, I want South Africa to win the cup, and that's why I had to withdraw. The whole country is behind the team, because as a nation we *need* victory. Everyone has been supporting me, blacks, whites, Coloureds," — the old definitions still linger — "and I've had phone calls of good wishes from all over the country."

David Miller in Cape Town on the changing face of sport for the rugby union World Cup hosts

Steve Tshwete, the Minister for Sport, has promised President Mandela that this will be the last lily-white Springbok team: that South Africa's sporting face will be more representative of the majority by the next World Cup, which Wales will host, in 1999. Williams doubts the pace of that change.

"Several of this team are in their mid-20s, and will still be there in four years, just as with the Australian team from 1991," he said. "Maybe we [the non-whites] will have another two or three players by '99, but you can't compare youth with experience.

"Everyone knows it's not going to happen overnight. We, the Coloureds and blacks, have to prove our worth, not just in soccer and athletics but in rugby, to prove that we're good enough. The development is strongest in the Cape, where most Coloureds play rugby and always have done, but development is further behind among the blacks."

So strong is rugby, for example, in Cape Town and Port Elizabeth townships, that they cannot support a first-division football team. Yet racial identities are not going to be erased by uniformity of social laws in the foreseeable future, not while facilities, as opposed to ambition, remain unequal.

The communal will is there, for sure. The South African RFU (Sarfu) is giving 42,000 World Cup tickets, three per cent of the total, to development areas, while 40 per cent of Sarfu's profits will go to development. Since 1992, 72 pitches have been laid or renovated.

"We can't just jog along," Edward Griffiths, the Sarfu chief executive, said. "We have spent 16 million rand (about £3 million) on development this year." At a recent coaching clinic at Khayelitsha, the Cape township, 300 boys were invited. Five hundred arrived. The national under-21 team will now be added to the under-17 and under-19 policy of 50-50 white/non-white selection, only the Springbok team being selected on strict merit.

Williams is the flag-bearer of ambition and hope, yet the responsibility of being a role model for millions is so huge that he tries to submerge himself in being just another rugby player holding the promise of a bright future.

It is a reflection of the closed mind that still encases rugby that, of the millions of words poured forth in pre-tournament comment, little acknowledgement of South Africa's new era is made. The endless references, by well-meaning friends and opponents, to South Africa's traditional strengths, temperaments and potential, consider only the formidable old Afrikaner ethic. There are as yet few ears for the clamour of waiting voices.

It is in the long-term interest of those voices, for the fulfilment of "one team", that the Springboks should win. New South Africa needs all the impetus it can gain. Form suggests Australia should win today, leaving South Africa's progress probably at the mercy of England in the quarter-finals. Let us hope it is a great afternoon either way.

Ruthless Wales make eight changes

Jenkins switches to centre for opening cup game

FROM GERALD DAVIES IN BLOEMFONTEIN

WALES'S new rugby union management regime, which completely replaced the old one a mere two months ago, has, in turn, swept away more than half the team which played in the final match of the five nations' championship against Ireland in March.

For their opening game of the World Cup, against Japan at the Free State Stadium here on Saturday, Wales have made eight changes, with an additional positional switch which sees Neil Jenkins, the stand-off half, move to centre.

There are two new caps in Andy Moore and Gareth Thomas. It has been a successful year for Moore, 26, a former Cambridge Blue. Among a plethora of good scrum halves in Wales at the start of the season, Moore might have been thought to be well down the ranking order, perhaps fifth behind Robert Jones, Rupert Moon, Paul John and Robert Howley.

However, his consistent and increasingly influential play, which took his club, Cardiff, to their first championship title, meant rapid promotion. Because of his more physical presence, Moore is better suited than Jones to manage the fast and dynamic running of the Japanese around the base of the scrum, according to Alex Evans, the Wales coach.

Thomas, who has played at centre and wing in his first full season for Bridgend, has been chosen on the left wing. At 6ft 3in and 15 stone, he is a powerful, thrusting player who is still only 20. A mature first year meant that he was already being spoken of before the season ended as a prospective international.

He gets his first opportunity in unfamiliar surroundings and in rugby's most testing tournament. He is included ahead of Steve Ford and Wayne Proctor, two recognised wings of experience. "I was glad just to be picked for the 26, but I never expected to get into the team," Thomas said.

With Adrian Davies, who last played for Wales against Fiji on the summer tour of 1994, gaining his eighth cap at stand-off half, the three-quarters are an untried combination. Only Evans — the former Wales captain, who wins his 52nd cap — and Hall, the Cardiff centre who took the leadership reins from Evans, are tested and experienced in their positions at this level. Jenkins, who has played six times at centre, last played there when Wales lost to Canada in 1993.

"We feel," said Evans, whose first Wales selection this is, "that the combination in this area over the last few weeks provides good rhythm in transferring the ball and, at the moment, is better balanced."

At forward, John Davies returns to prop after being suspended after the England match and the 6ft 10in Derwyn Jones is back at lock. Only Emyr Lewis remains in the back row, where Stuart Davies, who played against France, and Hemi Taylor, who was omitted from the game against Ireland, are the pairing on the flank.

Queried on what is perceived as the lack of pace in the back row, Evans said that "If you talk about 100 metres time-trials, perhaps they may not have a lot of pace, but they are very accomplished rugby players and their anticipated speed is the best combination we can pick. There is pace and anticipated speed and I don't think there is anybody who can anticipate play better than those three."

Selection during the World Cup, with three matches in eight days in the pool section, remains a dilemma. It is certain that not every one of the players in the 26-man squad can automatically be guaranteed to play. Equally, there are questions over likely injuries and fatigue. Evans did not want to be drawn on selection policy.

"It has a lot to do with the way we are going to play," he said. "There is a very, very fine line in selection. The cutting edge of the mechanics of selection at this level is not easy." This team, he felt, was the best combination to play Japan.

WALES

A Clement (Swansea); I Evans (Llanelli), M Hall (Cardiff, capt), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), G Thomas (Bridgend); A Davies (Cardiff), A Moore (Cardiff); M Griffiths (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Swansea), J Davies (Neath), S Davies (Swansea), D Jones (Cardiff), G Llewellyn (Neath), H Taylor (Cardiff), E Lewis (Cardiff). Replacements: W Proctor (Llanelli), D Evans (Treorchy), R Jones (Swansea), S Roy (Cardiff), R Evans (Llanelli), J Humphreys (Cardiff).

CHARLES PLATIAU


Murphy, second from left, directs Ireland in training in Johannesburg yesterday as they prepare to meet New Zealand on Saturday

Murphy expects Ireland to be on song

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN JOHANNESBURG

THE Irish are encamped in a former stately home near the centre of Johannesburg. Lawns separate the Sunnyside Park Hotel from the grimy roads in the suburb of Parktown and in the centre of the hotel there is a beacon of Irishness that beckons to visitors: a pub called McGinty's.

From Sunnyside at the turn of the century, Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner, used to conduct his business during the Boer War. From Sunnyside on Saturday afternoon, Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager, will set out with his team for the game against New Zealand at Ellis Park, the first match for both sides in this World Cup.

Milner was a professional diplomat; Murphy is anything but. Nicknamed "Noisy", he is a friendly, joking bear of a man who never lets the seriousness of an Ireland defeat — and there have been four in the past five games — dampen his natural exuberance or wit. The team that Murphy and his fellow selectors have chosen to try to beat the All Blacks for the first time in their 13 meetings shows six changes from the side that lost 22-12 to Italy in Treviso recently.

"Two years ago, when we were planning our World Cup preparation, a game against Italy seemed a good idea," Murphy said. "Perhaps it wasn't such a good idea after all. We were very poor. Mind you, Italy are no bad side."

On Saturday, the half backs will be Michael Bradley and Eric Elwood, instead of Niall Hogan and Paul Burke, and Simon Geoghegan returns to his rightful position on the left wing after being injured. In the forwards, Denis McBride comes in as open-side flanker, David Corkery will be the No 6 and Neil Francis returns to the second row.

After announcing the team, Murphy was cornered by a group of reporters and returned to the theme of amateurism he had first mentioned after Ireland's defeat by France in March. Murphy, who played for Ireland and the British Isles, and was the coach of the 1980 British Isles team in South Africa, has lived and loved rugby as it still is. He worries about what is in store after the World Cup.

"They want to be careful with the game," Murphy warned. "I hope we haven't seen the end of Lions tours. Rugby is not for an elite. It is for your sons and my sons. I have solicitors, doctors, lots of professional people in my team. Will they never be able to play international rugby again?"

Ireland's hopes on Saturday will be boosted by the playing of a new anthem — *Ireland's Call* — written and sung by Phil Coulter, the writer of *Puppet on a String* and *Congratulations*. "Have you heard it, boys?" Murphy asked. "It's great music."

A cassette was produced. "Stand to attention, lads," Murphy commanded. Soon notes loudly filled the room — but of the wrong tune. *A Rainy Night in Georgia* is not likely to do much for Ireland on a dry night in Johannesburg. "Does anybody know how to work this thing?" Murphy asked, exasperated. This time it worked. "Ireland, Ireland, Together standing tall, Shoulder to shoulder, We'll answer Ireland's call . . ." It could have been written specially for this game.

"If you beat New Zealand, it'll be the most popular song in Ireland," someone said. Murphy laughed. "We have never beaten them," he replied. "And to do so on Saturday, we will have to do everything right."

IRELAND

J Staples (Harlequins); R Wallace (Garryowen), B Mullin (Blackrock College), J Bell (Ballymena), S Geoghegan (Bath); E Elwood (Lansdowne), M Bradley (Cork Constitution); N Popplewell (Wasps), T Kingston (Dolphin, capt), G Halpin (London Irish), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), N Francis (Old Belvedere), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), D McBride (Malone), P Johns (Dungannon).

Replacements: M Field (Malone), P Burke (Cork Constitution), N Hogan (Terenure), A Foley (Shannon), P Wallace (Blackrock College), K Wood (Garryowen).

Romania lose Brinza

A SHOULDER injury has ruled out Tiberiu Brinza, the Romania captain, from his country's opening pool A match against Canada in Port Elizabeth tomorrow. Ovidiu Slusariuc takes over.

Japan recall Takahashi, the prop, to face Wales in Bloemfontein on Saturday.

JAPAN: T Matsuda; L Oto, A Yoshida, Y Morioki, T Masuho; S Hirao, M Horikoshi, O Ota, M Kunda (capt), K Takahashi, H Kajihara, Y Sakuraba, B Ferguson. Sinali Lalu, Siovia Lalu.

Mana Otai, the No 8, will captain Tonga in their opening match against France in Pretoria on Saturday.

TONGA: S Tu'ipulotu; A Taufa, U Va'enuku, P Latu, T Va'enuku, E Vunipola, M Vunipola; S Fe'aki, F Masila, T Fukofuka, F Mahoni, W Lose, F Mafi, I Fenukitau, M Otai (capt).

☐ England A brushed aside Victoria 76-19 to record the second successive victory on their six-match tour of Australia at Olympic Park, Melbourne, yesterday. Seven first-half tries and five after the break brought England a resounding victory, with Matthew Dawson, scrum half, collecting a hat-trick.

Djehi journeys into unknown

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN RUSTENBURG

TOUSSAINT DJEHI, the 17-stone Ivory Coast prop, who is almost as wide as he is tall, shrugged his shoulders apologetically and confirmed that, no, he had not heard of Gavin Hastings. By tomorrow evening, by which time Hastings should have added another hatful of points here at the Olympia Park Stadium to his record-breaking tally, Djehi will have done.

Until now, Ivory Coast's best-known sporting export has been the Rangers football player, Basile Boli. Djehi, if he can curb his natural instinct to assault referees verbally and opposing players physically, could quickly acquire cult status in his country, too.

The coach, Dominique Devanier, who in his prime played in the same Cahors team as Benazzi, Benetton and Charvet, and who masterminded the Ivory Coast's unexpected presence at the Rugby World Cup, insisted that, even in the face of heavy defeat, his charges will not resort to bruising tactics. "Fighting is necessary in rugby," he said, confusingly, "but you don't play to fight."

Quite where he will find inspiration, though, is anybody's guess. The team has spent the past two months simply getting fit.

Athanese Dali, the captain and one of several players based in France, saw Scotland win at Parc des Princes in the five nations' championship. "The Scots are one of the great teams of the rugby world," he said. We cannot win but it's important for us to progress."

IVORY COAST: V Kouassi, P Bouazo, J Sathoo, L Niekou, C N'Gbala, A Dali (captain), F Dupont, A Ble, E Angoran, T Djehi, A Kone, G Bado, P Pere, I Lassass, D Soroko.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

All times BST

Pool A
Today
South Africa v Australia (at Cape Town, 2.30pm)
Tomorrow
Canada v Romania (at Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm)
May 30
South Africa v Romania (at Cape Town, 1.30pm)
May 31
Australia v Canada (at Port Elizabeth, 12.0pm)
June 3
Australia v Romania (Stellenbosch, 2.0pm)
South Africa v Canada (Port Elizabeth, 7.0pm)

Pool B
May 27
Western Samoa v Italy (East London, 12.0pm)
England v Argentina (Durban, 4.0pm)
May 30
Western Samoa v Argentina (East London, 11.30am)
May 31
England v Italy (Durban, 4.0pm)
June 4
Argentina v Italy (East London, 12.0pm)
England v Western Samoa (Durban, 7.0pm)

Pool C
May 27
Wales v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm)
New Zealand v Ireland (Johannesburg, 7.0pm)
May 31
Ireland v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm)
New Zealand v Wales (Johannesburg, 7.0pm)
June 4
New Zealand v Japan (Bloemfontein, 2.0pm)
Ireland v Wales (Johannesburg, 4.0pm)

Pool D
Tomorrow
Scotland v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 3.0pm)
France v Tonga (Pretoria, 5.0pm)
May 30
France v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 5.0pm)
Scotland v Tonga (Pretoria, 7.0pm)
June 3
Tonga v Ivory Coast (Rustenburg, 12.0pm)
Scotland v France, Pretoria (4pm)

Top two in each pool qualify for quarter-finals

Quarter-finals
June 10: pool D winner v pool C runner-up, Durban (12.00), pool A winner v pool B runner-up, Johannesburg (2.30pm).
June 11: pool B winner v pool A runner-up, Cape Town (12.00); pool C winner v pool D runner-up, Pretoria (2.30pm).

Semi-finals
June 17: Durban winner v Johannesburg winner, Durban (2pm).
June 18: Cape Town winner v Pretoria winner, Cape Town (2pm)

Third-place play-off
June 22: Pretoria (4pm)

Final
June 24: Johannesburg (2pm)

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'When I'm done with tennis, this is going to be my home until I die'

Relaxed Rusedski courts attention

BY STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

GREG RUSEDSKI'S introduction to the British media bears comparison with Bill Shankly's boast to journalists assembled for a press conference at Anfield some 30 years ago. The Liverpool manager announced that he had acquired a Scottish centre half called Ron Yeats. "He's in the next room," Shankly said. "Go in there, walk round him and admire him."

Rusedski, all 6ft 3in of him, has not technically been bought by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), but he stands as the most illustrious newcomer to have been presented indirectly to the public by the governing body.

Rusedski, born in Canada but officially accepted as a British competitor by the International Tennis Federation over the weekend, played his part admirably at Queen's Club yesterday. He was particularly adept at fending off intrusive questions about girlfriends past and present.

He declared his intention to visit Dewsbury, the birthplace of his mother, to help to take the game to children, to reach the quarter-finals at Wimbledon this year and to feature in the national championships at Telford. He even went as far as to commit himself to his adopted country for life.

"When I'm done with tennis, this is going to be my home until the day I die. In my heart, I feel British and my mother told me that I should go with what my heart says. I feel at home here but I haven't picked up on cricket yet."

He conducted himself with such charm and dignity, patiently agreeing to every interview requested by radio and television, that nobody could have faulted his opening performance. The genuine test of his character, though, lies ahead and not necessarily on the clay courts of Roland Garros next week.

Continually sipping water, he revealed that he has been suffering from tonsillitis for a week. Although he managed to reach the final of a tournament in Coral Springs to lift himself to 47th in the world rankings, he may not start his British career at the French Open.

He is to act on his doctor's recommendation but, considering the interest he will soon attract here, he might be advised to change his original plans anyway and practise on grass. He should be prepared to head the cast on the centre court on the opening day at Queen's.

He proclaims that he is ready to bear the full weight of domestic expectation. Indeed, he relishes the prospect. "If the crowd is involved, that would be a bonus, an asset." Although he confessed to being susceptible to nerves, he looks forward to being the centre of attention.

"Everybody reacts in different ways. McEnroe used to argue with officials, Lendl plucked at his eyebrows, Agassi jokes with the crowd. Me, I laugh inwardly at my coach because his face stays the same but his hands start pumping at 100mph whenever he is anxious."

His experience last year, when he slipped 80 places down the rankings, was salutary. Instead of being the next man to break into the top 20, as everybody persisted in telling him, and winning every match, as he kept telling himself he would as he stepped on court, he buckled under the strain.

He recognises now that he is "not going to play fantastically well every day", but he would be comfortable about competing against anybody on grass with the exception of Agassi, the world No 1, whom he has never beaten. In practice, he has been sharing sets with Pete Sampras, the world No 2.

Nor is he upset by the adverse comments attributed to his new colleagues, Mark Petchey and Chris Wilkinson. "If I was in their position, I would probably feel the same way." In his first outing against the press, game, set and match to Rusedski.



Rusedski, the new recruit of British tennis, was a model of courtesy and charm at Queen's Club yesterday. Photograph: Des Jenson

Mansell's rivals regret passing of a showman

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN MONTE CARLO

THE official programme carried the picture of every driver due to race, so the autograph-hunters trudged away from the harbour front with one signature missing from their collection yesterday. The other drivers wanted to know whether he had jumped or been pushed by McLaren and Mercedes.

Nigel Mansell might be a grand prix non-person now but his absence dominated the build-up to the opening day's action in the Monaco Grand Prix today more than his recently-diminished stature could have. The preamble to the race around the streets here usually builds steadily to a crescendo, but yesterday there was a sense of anti-climax after the news of the deposing of Mansell on Tuesday.

Predictably, some of Mansell's many detractors sought to suggest there was a party atmosphere at McLaren now that he had gone, that a cloud had been lifted. The drivers, though, almost to a man, expressed regret that he had left Formula One in such downbeat circumstances and that the supporters would be denied his showmanship.

Damon Hill and David Coulthard spoke as admirers rather than former rivals. Gerhard Berger mourned the passing of an old adversary and Riccardo Patrese, Mansell's team-mate when he won the world championship in 1992, remembered him in his pomp.

Coulthard's views seemed particularly apposite. Their paths crossed only briefly but their fates were intertwined. McLaren tried to sign Coulthard, but Frank Williams decided at the end of last season that he represented the future and handed him the plum job at Williams alongside Hill. Mansell got the leftovers at McLaren.

Mansell never really appeared to come to terms with that disappointment, while Coulthard has gone from strength to strength. He lives here in the principality now, in the same area as Michael Schumacher, the world at his feet. Unwittingly, he hastened Mansell's departure by depriving him of the Williams drive that may have motivated him to one last effort but yesterday he had only praise for the man who helped to inspire his rise.

"When I first met him, I was racing karts," Coulthard said. "It was a very special moment for me. He told me to stick at it and that one day I might make it to being a grand prix driver. Frank never really explained to me why he chose me instead of Nigel but it gave me an awful lot of confidence.

"From a competitive point of view it has been easier for me in a Williams than it would have been in a McLaren. But in a few months, we might be saying 'I bet he wishes he had stayed around'. McLaren are going to go forward. They are getting closer and closer to the pace already.

"I would only like to see him come back in a competitive situation. It is unlikely he will get a position in a top team and, although he could probably race in British Touring Cars, when you think of Mansell, you want to think of top-line racing. The opportunity for that seems to have gone."

While Mansell relaxes at his golf club in Devon, the excitement is building to fever pitch for Coulthard. He has driven the track here in a Renault Clio, walked it, ridden around it on a push-bike. He dreams about it at night. These kind of things, this sense of anticipation, Nigel Mansell will miss.



Coulthard: praise

RADIO CHOICE

Strong on rhetoric

English Eccentrics. *Radio 3, 8.15pm.*

Several times during tonight's concert interval talk, the first in the return of an occasional series of monologues, Sir Roy Strong claims that he is not an eccentric at all, just someone who sees life as a banquet and who hates being pigeon-holed. "I don't mind making a fool of myself," he says. "There's always room for fun." What he clearly does still mind is the "orchestrated vicious campaign" against him at the V & A where he is proud of his achievements as director. But he always comes up smiling: "it takes a lot to sink me." As for eccentricity, this country still respects people who do not conform, something to do with living on an island he reckons. And, he says, it is fatal to go through life caring what people think. Not something Sir Roy, now 58, has greatly worried about.

Music Live 95: First Ladies of Country. *Radio 2, 7.30pm.*

The five-day live music festival from Birmingham, spread over four national radio channels, kicks off in style at the National Indoor Arena in a specially extended edition of David Allan's country music programme. Sharing the bill are three singers who have between them chalked up almost 150 country hits — Rita Coolidge, Crystal Gayle and Tammy Wynette. *The Gospel Train* pulls into Birmingham just afterwards and the evening ends up at Ronnie Scott's in the same city until well after midnight with Cleo Laine and husband John Dankworth.

Kenneth Gosling

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Dave Pearce 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa I'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Soundbite 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Chris Stuart 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 Music Live 95: First Ladies of Country. See Choice 10.00 The Gospel Train 10.45 Music Live 95: Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 12.20am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, including at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview; 7.15 The Police's Story 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.20 A Handful of Hooligans; 11.00 News; Gut Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 1.35 Crime in the Community 2.05 Rugby Union World Cup: South Africa v Australia 4.15 John Inverdale incl at 6.15 Crime Update 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 David Gower's Cricket Weekly 9.05 SportsAmerica 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra 12.05am Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Sean Bolger 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen 10.00 Caesar 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am News 5.30 Europe (MW only: Off the Shelf 5.45 From Our Own Correspondent) 6.00 News 6.30 Learning (MW only: Europe) 6.45 Opera Behind the Scenes (MW only: Europe) 7.00 News 7.15 World Today 7.30 Sport 8.00 News 8.15 Farming 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News (MW only: News in German) 9.10 Faith (MW only: News in German) 9.15 Composer 9.45 Books 10.00 News 10.15 Sport 11.00 News 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf Noon News 12.30pm That's Cool 1.00 News (MW only: News in German) 1.15 Britain 1.30 Assignment 2.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.00 News 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Network UK (MW only: News in German) 5.00 News 5.15 Letters Home 5.45 Fourth Estate 6.00 News 6.15 Do You Know? 6.30 World Today (MW only: News in German) 6.45 Sport (MW only: News in German) 7.00 News 7.30 Assignment 8.00 News 9.00 Europe 9.30 Outlook 9.55 Words of Faith 10.00 News 10.15 Britain 10.30 Meridian 11.00 News 11.30 World Today 11.45 Health Midnight News 12.10am Topical Report 12.15 Megamix 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 On the Move 1.45 Britain 2.00 News 2.15 Letters Home 2.45 Global 3.00 Newsday 3.30 Oliver Twist 4.00 News 4.15 Sport 4.30 Faith

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Travel Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nick Abbot 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Forster — Indian Views
7.00 On Air, presented by Andrew McGregor
9.00 Composers of the Week: Widor and Vierne
10.00 Musical Encounters, from Birmingham. *Artists of the Week:* CBSO: Shostakovich (Suite, Hypothetically Murdered); 10.09 Paganini (Moses Fantasy): Van Dieren (Song of the Cenci); 11.04 Havergal Brian (Symphony No 10): Tchaikovsky (Adagio molto in E flat); Schumann (Midnight Scene, Scenes from Goethe's Faust)
12.00 Voices: Songs by Berlioz (r)
1.00pm Ulster Orchestra under Roy Goodman, with Malcolm Binns, piano, performs music by Beethoven, Weber and Schubert
2.00 Schools: Radio Q and A 2.05 In the News 2.25 Something to Think About 2.40 Music Workshop
3.00 Fairest Isle: A Singers' Celebration. The second of four concerts to celebrate the BBC Singers' 70th anniversary
4.35 Fairest Isle: The British Touch. Hugh Aston, Thomas Tallis; Andrew Newman; William Inglot and Thomas Tomkins
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 Music Live 95: In Tune, live from Pebble Mill
7.30 Fairest Isle: Nash Ensemble under Lionel Friend, with Patricia Rozario, soprano. Including at 8.15-8.35 English Eccentrics: Dr Roy Strong. See Choice
9.25 The Golden Demon — Adolphe Sax (4/5)
9.45 How to Make a Musical (r)
10.45 Night Waves, with Christopher Cook
11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Richard Bernas

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News, incl Weather 6.10 Farming 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News; Face the Facts (r)
9.30 Inside Out (3/4)
10.00-10.30 News; The Doctors (FM only): Medical drama
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 From Plato to the Present (LW only): *The Crooked Timber of Humanity*, by Isaiah Berlin. Read by J.J. Murphy
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Radio Times Past: The flavour of May 1955 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Letters to Mam, by William Ingram. Fact-based case of a young Welshman who is accused of murdering a member of the aristocracy in 1920s London
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
4.45 Short Story: The Dinner Ghost. Lesley Mackie reads Patricia Hanrahan's story
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Missed Demeanours
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 A Celebration for Ascension Day: from Manchester Cathedral
8.00 Analysis: Thinking Ahead
8.45 Worse Things Happen at Sea: Ian Mcintyre presents the last in the series
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Hemingway's Chair. Michael Palin reads his novel (4/10)
11.00 Under My Skin: Steve May's *A Selection of Ordinary Household Sounds* is the second of six plays (r)
11.30-12.00 The Locker Room (FM only) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.45am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.45 As World Service (LW only)

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World Cup
Pool A
Australia v South Africa (at Cape Town, 2.30) .....

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, first day of four, 110 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Middlesex
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire
PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex
LIVERPOOL: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Durham
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Somerset
SHEFFIELD: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire
Second day of four
TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v Glamorgan
University match
11.30, first day of three
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Derbyshire
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Canterbury: Kent v Sussex. Walsall: Minor Counties v Leicestershire. Taunton: Somerset v Hampshire.

FOOTBALL

Bell's Scottish League
Play-offs, second leg
Dunfermline (1) v Aberdeen (3) (7.30)
Canada Cup
Chile v Northern Ireland (Edmonton, Canada, 2.30am tomorrow)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European championship qualifying tournament (Birmingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Three-day event (Windsor).
GOLF: English women's amateur championship (Ipswich).
TENNIS: Women's world doubles tournament (Edinburgh).
SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Sheffield v Oxford (7.45).

Answers from page 42

GAMALIEL
(a) A learned and respected Pharisee who spoke against the rough handling of the apostles on the grounds that, if they were doing only men's work, it would come to nothing, but that, if they were doing God's work, opposition to them was futile. He was credited in later legend with having retrieved the body of Stephen after he had been stoned to death.

MELCHIZEDEK
(c) Priest-king of Salem who blessed Abraham and is said to have received in return a tithe of the spoils of Abraham's victory over his enemies. It is not certain that Melchizedek is a personal name, and the OT offers no explanation why the victorious Abraham should have given him anything. He is a mysterious figure who has neither father nor mother and so became a symbol of autogenerative power. His stately, elongated figure is the first to catch the eye as you begin to take in the great north porch of Chartres.

ADONIBEZEK
(b) A king who was served his own disgusting medicine. In his heyday he cut off the thumbs and big toes of 70 kings and made them scramble for food under his table. When the tribes of Judah and Simeon made war on him and defeated him, they did the same to him.

MICAIAH
(c) A prophet who alone among his sycophantic fellow prophets refused to promise Ahab victory in his proposed campaign against Syria. Ahab had him thrown into prison but in the ensuing battle Ahab was killed.

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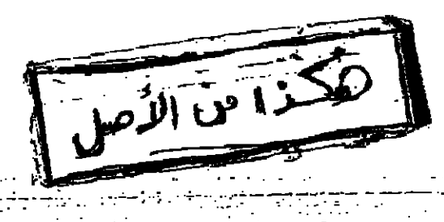


Watch the Pinocchio ad on TV tonight and you could win a trip to Disneyland Paris.

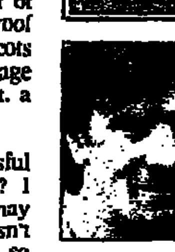
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Having acquired the taste, I'd like more



Matthew Bond

Thou shalt not covet thy colleague's viewing night. But on a Wednesday night — ooh, it's becoming hard. As the cultural desert stretches ahead, visions of Lynne Truss and Tuesdays suddenly flash before me. "Well, cats — shall we watch *Out of the Blue* or *Dangerous Lady*? Or perhaps a bit more of that nice Trevor Eve being horrid in *The Politician's Wife*?" I can almost hear the purrs of critical contentment.

Then there are Sundays. I mean, while all I had to enthuse over last night was the Champions League Final, Lynne gets *The Vet*, *The Hanging Gale* and *The Governor*... On second thoughts, perhaps she can keep Sundays.

Which means I get to keep Wednesdays and the chance to bid a fond au revoir (I hope not adieu) to Edouard de Pomiane and French Cooking in Ten Minutes (BBC 2). Over the six weeks of this culinary brief encounter, de Pomiane and his rapid cuisine have grown considerably upon me, a *rapprochement* helped by my ear becoming gradually attuned to his extraordinary accent, a sort of French-English of Polish descent that thinks nothing of cracking eggs into a "boyel".

De Pomiane is, of course, a terrible gastronomic fraud. You rather imagine that if microwave dinners had been available in the 1930s he would have given up cooking altogether and concentrated entirely on "the pleasures of life". He thinks nothing of opening a few tins, substituting Bovril for bouillon and even — *sacré salmonella* — reheating cooked chicken.

Last night, however, was clearly a big one for him and Madame X, his glamorous dining companion who stood him up in programme four (presumably fed up with all five courses arriving at once) but now appears to have her own key. De Pomiane was in black tie and on the menu were hors d'oeuvres (no cooking, but an awful lot of unwrapping of grease-proof paper), tournedos Rossini, haricots à la basquaise, plateau de fromage and bananes sautées. In short, a seducer's dinner.

Whether it was successful or not, who knows? I think the haricots may have been a mistake. But it doesn't matter. What made the series so enjoyable has been its attention to detail — from the authentic-looking 1930s kitchen down to the passing street noises below. But best of all has been Christopher Rozycki's performance as the meticulous de Pomiane. Let's hope there are seconds.

But as one small oasis dries up, another has sprung to the aid of the weary Wednesday night viewer in the shape of I-Camcorder (Channel 4), the second programme of which more than lived up to the promise of the first. The key to its success is Robert Llewellyn, who writes and presents the show with considerable humour. True, his impersonation of Jeremy Clarkson, on a second inspection, is looking rather more like Tinker from *Lovejoy*, but that's a minor flaw.

I'm also having trouble working out whether Barry's DIY gadgets are a joke or not. Last week's furry microphone cover was plausible enough, but a bit of plastic, cut out of an ice-cream carton, that fits over your ear to keep your earpiece in place? I do hope it's a joke.

The central theme of last night's programme was wedding videos and how to improve them, in which Llewellyn was joined by Ken Russell and the groom's uncle, Jimmy. Russell we first met cleverly combining the first cutaway of the day with the first drink. Less cleverly, we also caught him zooming in while recording, a clear breach, as far as I can recall, of one of last week's Golden Rules. But perhaps that's genius at work.

Interestingly, although there was plenty of evidence of genius at work ("I'd have liked a wind machine for that confetti shot"), there was little sign of the footage that the great man actually shot. What we did see was Uncle Jimmy's rather unsteady interpretation of events ("What was happening there, Jim?" "Oh, I was just trying to get comfortable, Ken"), a technique which Russell dubbed the steady-ish cam. Uncle Jimmy has now given up the scrap-metal business and is working as a camera operator on *Out of the Blue*. Just joking lads, just joking.

Both the highs and the lows of investigative journalism have been in evidence on Dispatches (Channel 4). The highs came last week with the brouhaha surrounding Sir Jerry Wiggin, whose unlikely impersonation of Sebastian Coe the programme first unearthed. The lows came last night with a grovelling and hugely expensive libel apology to Chris Brasher and John Disley, the organisers of the London Marathon.

In between came the type of film that has made *Dispatches* such a consistently mixed bag over the years. Call me a small-islander, but I found it as difficult to get excited about *Krasnojarsk 26* as I did to spell it. The basic gist of the Russian-made film is that there is this huge nuclear plant, built under a Siberian mountain, that produces weapon-grade plutonium. The now familiar problem is that the arms race has ended, the demand for plutonium has slumped and there is no money to maintain the plant. In other words, Kerboom!

Not even the promise of a bang two-and-a-half times as loud as that of Chernobyl grabbed me, although I was briefly diverted by the curious sight of an interviewee delivering his replies while sitting on a stool, stark naked. The rest was worrying, but too familiar. "For the first time, our cameras see..." promised the narration. "Oh no," I groaned, "not more rusty pipes." Yup — miles of them.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (21854)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (10538125)
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (1896651)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7717458) **10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days** (r). (Ceefax) (1952090)
10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (4656854)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9427922) **12.05 Pebble Mill.** Alan Titchmarsh introduces the start of BBC Radio's "Music Live" Festival with the BBC Big Band (s) (5515019) **12.50 Regional News** and weather (15942274)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (55552) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (44105980) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly introduces another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (38000516)
2.15 Matt Houston. The millionaire private detective is hired to find the killer of a shipping magnate. Starring Lee Horsley (r) (397564)
3.50 Pingu. Animated adventures of a penguin (3600496) **3.55 Why Did the Chicken?** School team quiz show (s) (5775125) **4.10 Speed Racer.** (Ceefax) (2439835) **4.35 The Ant and Dec Show.** (Ceefax) (s) (1569903)
5.00 Newsround. (Ceefax) (9967800) **5.10 Escape from Jupiter.** Science-fiction adventure series. (Ceefax) (s) (5168038)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (373090)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (729)
6.30 Regional news magazines (309)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (8106)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (293)
8.00 Wildlife on One: Nightgliders. New photographic techniques reveal how flying squirrels can travel through forests at speed. (Ceefax) (s) (7854)
8.30 Paul Merton's Life of Comedy. The comedian continues with his selection of clips from 40 years of television comedy. (Ceefax) (s) (6361)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9293)
9.30 Men Behaving Badly. (Ceefax) (s) (41922)

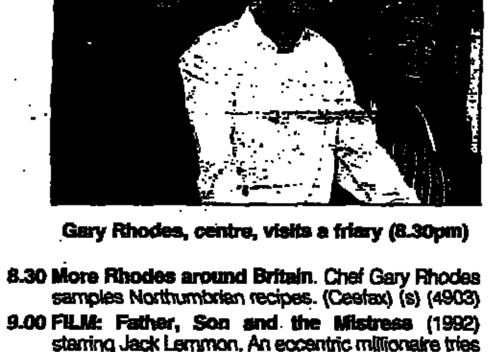


A telephone pest, centre, is arrested (10.00pm)

10.00 Inside Story: Telephone Terror. (Ceefax) (s) (752903)
10.50 Question Time from Norwich. Joining David Dimbleby are historian John Charmley, the secretary of the Howard League for Penal Reform, Frances Crook, and MPs Virginia Bottomley and Alistair Darling. (Ceefax) (113125)
11.50 The Old Man Of Hoy (colour and b/w). In 1967 six climbers ascend the Orkney sea stack (r) (s) (760477)
12.40am Election Special. Kirsty Wark introduces coverage of the Perth and Kinross by-election result (5888442)
2.00 Weather (2609065)

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax and signing) (7884090)
8.15 Westminster On-Line with Andrew Neil (s) (4081372)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (1970496) 1.45 Storytime (95015309) 2.00 The Little Polar Bear (12864038) 2.05 Hairy Jeremy (12863309)
2.10 The Hollywood Collection. The life and career of Gregory Peck. (Ceefax) (s) (9010670)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (s) (6618835) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3607309)
4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (922)
4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (106)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are people who have attended an unusual self-defence class. (Ceefax) (s) (2401361)
5.40 The Long Goodbye. Film director Mike Leigh talks about the nervous breakdown he had after his father's death (s) (357187)
6.00 Quantum Leap (r). (Ceefax) (s) (277274)
6.45 Lifeswaps. A young Tory exchanges lifestyles with a single mother (r). (Ceefax) (s) (870729)
7.00 The Mrs Merton Show. The outrageous agony aunt talks to Dale Winton, Mary Whitehouse, royal butler Peter Russell and Derek Jameson (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6748)
7.30 The Business: The Laundrymen. (Ceefax) (835)
8.00 Play It Again. Paul Jones selects his favourite music from the *Pebble Mill* series (r) (s) (5496)



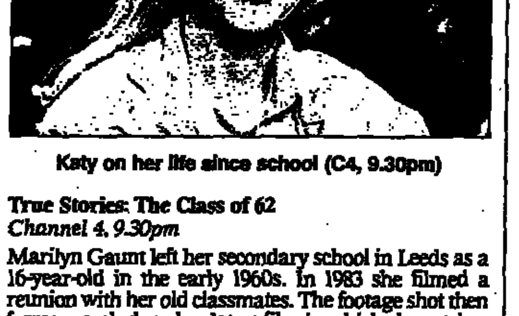
Gary Rhodes, centre, visits a friary (8.30pm)

8.30 More Rhodes around Britain. Chef Gary Rhodes samples Northumbrian recipes. (Ceefax) (s) (4903)
9.00 FILM: Father, Son and the Mistress (1992) starring Jack Lemmon. An eccentric millionaire tries to reunite his fragmented family by giving up his fortune and returning to his old neighbourhood. Directed by Jay Sandrich. (Ceefax) (8564)
10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (442274)
11.15 Letterman in London. The guests include Jamie Lee Curtis and Annie Lennox (s) (607057)
12.00 Open View (s) (8610539) **12.05am Images of the Cosmos: Venus Unveiled** (6037626) **12.30 Weather** (8972143)
12.35 The Record. The day in Parliament presented by Robert Orchard (s) (7260442). Ends at 1.05
4.30-5.00 BBC Select: Developing Family Literacy (62152)
5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (r) (72404)

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Inside Story: Telephone Terror
BBC1, 10.00pm

According to British Telecom, 15 million malicious phone calls are made each year, of which two-thirds are directed at women. A documentary not guaranteed to make you sleep easily at night features some of the victims and also the attempts, increasingly successful, to catch the perpetrators. But even when BT technology manages to trace calls, prosecutions are comparatively rare and punishments light. Diane, a single mother with three young children who received more than 200 calls in a few weeks, saw her tormentor escape with a conditional discharge. At least Diane fared better than Kym, whose caller followed up his barrage of obscenities by kidnapping and assaulting her. It must have taken guts for her to face the cameras and relive the experience.



Katy on her life since school (C4, 9.30pm)

True Stories: The Class of 62
Channel 4, 9.30pm

Marilyn Gaunt left her secondary school in Leeds as a 16-year-old in the early 1960s. In 1983 she filmed a reunion with her old classmates. The footage shot then forms a prelude to her latest film in which she catches up on six of her friends, now approaching 50. The "where-are-they-now?" formula makes irresistible viewing. The sample is obviously random, but these women seem to have suffered more than most. In every case the story is of determination to overcome life's knocks. Five of the six have been divorced. One has a handicapped child, another looks after a three-year-old grandson. The sixth is still with her original husband. Her emotional pain comes from looking after an elderly mother with Alzheimer's disease.

The Business: The Laundrymen
BBC2, 7.30pm

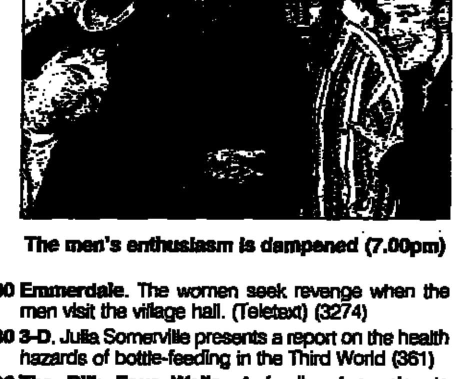
Should anybody be puzzled by the term money laundering, Jeffrey Robinson's clear and accessible guide should make everything clear. Robinson is an American writer, but on this evidence he is equally at home on the screen as he is at the word processor. Having explained what laundering is, how "dirty" money (much of these days from drug dealing) is turned into respectable assets, he moves on to the more difficult question of how to stop it. Robinson compares the systems of control operated in New York and London and concludes that the British is the easier to crack. A New York district attorney agrees: "London is a better place for bad guys to do business." Not surprisingly, this is disputed in the City.

Men Behaving Badly
BBC1, 9.30pm

The behaviour gets no better as Simon Nye's comedy about two sex-obsessed flatmates returns for a new series. Gary (Martin Clunes) is busy insulting girlfriend Dorothy, who wants a baby, while Tony (Neil Morrissey) takes advantage of Deborah's door key to rifle through her underwear. Many a true word is spoken in sit-com, and no doubt Gary and Tony are taken from life and only a fraction larger. We are expected to laugh at their awfulness, rather than with it, though as Alf Garnett showed, such jokes can backfire. In any case there is too much smut and not enough wit. Political incorrectness can be excused, but only if it is funny enough. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4278854)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw with Bob Mills (6122380) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1957545)
10.00 Step by Step. American comedy series (r) (s) (50729)
10.30 This Morning with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (45859090) **12.10pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9436670)
12.15 News (Teletext) and weather (2774632)
12.30 Home and Away (Teletext) (56854) **1.00 Emmerdale** (r). (Teletext) (95380)
1.30 Rugby World Cup 1995 Alastair Hignell and Trevor McDonald present live coverage from Newlands, Cape Town, as President Nelson Mandela officially opens the Rugby World Cup. The ceremony is followed by the first match between hosts South Africa and defending champions Australia (169651)
4.30 Warner Brothers Cartoon (5736212)
4.45 Animaniacs (r). (Teletext) (s) (1583583)
5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating. (Teletext) (1294651)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (630922)
5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (544632)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (125)
6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (477)

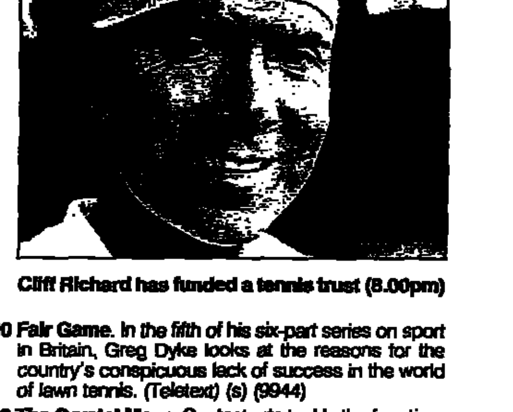


The men's enthusiasm is dampened (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale. The women seek revenge when the men visit the village hall. (Teletext) (3274)
7.30 3-D. Julia Somerville presents a report on the health hazards of bottle-feeding in the Third World (361)
8.00 The Bill: Four Walls. A family of gypsies is accused of robbery. (Teletext) (2922)
8.30 HeartBeat: Outsiders. Nostalgic drama starring Nick Berry and Niamh Cusack. Prejudice rears its ugly head when a circus family arrives in the village (r). (Teletext) (s) (12651)
9.30 Animal Detectives: Whales. EIA investigators travel to the Faroe Islands to witness the annual whale cull, when approximately 2,000 whales are killed for the sake of tradition. (Teletext) (s) (36090)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (54859)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (114019)
10.40 Rugby World Cup 1995. Mark Austin and Mary Nightingale present highlights of today's opening ceremony and the match between South Africa and Australia (101380)
11.40 The Frost Programme. Sir David Frost is joined by Rolf Harris. Plus, a studio discussion on Heathrow's proposed Terminal 5 (s) (409729)
12.40am Alien Nation (s) (5519404)
1.35 Shift (5226317)
2.25 The Beat (r) (s) (2963572)
3.20 The Album Show (r) (s) (9529794)
4.15 On the Live Side featuring Billy Cobham, Stephane Grappelli and Frank Morgan (s) (16172152)
4.35 The Little Picture Show (r) (9428423)
5.30 ITN Morning News (69930). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Spiff and Hercules (7046699)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (90835)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Trivia quiz game for couples, presented by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (18106)
9.30 Schools: What's It..? (4385477) **9.45** Ready, Set, Go (4373632) **10.00** Equinox (3989038) **10.53** Schools at Work (7954274) **11.00** Technology for Today (2767) **11.30** Film and Video Showcase (1067093) **11.40** The French Programme (3999800)
12.00 House To House. Maya Even's political magazine (21670)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (74903) **1.30 The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz** (r) (s) (83600552)
1.55 The Voice Over Queen. A short about an aspiring actress who is forced to record electric gadget advertisements to make ends meet (35650075)
2.15 FILM: The Late George Apley (1947, b/w) starring Ronald Colman. A satirical comedy about a Bostonian who tries to organise the romantic lives of his son and daughter. With Richard Ney and Peggy Cummins. Directed by Joseph L. Mankiewicz (301632)
4.00 Jimmy's. More cases from the St James's Hospital, Leeds (r). (Teletext) (390)
4.30 Fifteen-To-One. William G. Stewart with another round of the fast-moving, knock-out general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (274)
5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are young women who are members of the Ku Klux Klan. (Teletext) (s) (6090941)
5.45 Terrytoons. A Deputy Dawg double bill (637835)
6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (767)
6.30 Saved By the Bell. Campus comedy. (Teletext) (s) (449)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (121941)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (467699)



Cliff Richard has funded a tennis trust (8.00pm)

8.00 Fair Game. In the fifth of his six-part series on sport in Britain, Greg Dyke looks at the reasons for the country's conspicuous lack of success in the world of lawn tennis. (Teletext) (s) (9944)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Contestants tackle the four time zones, led by Edward Tudor-Pole. (Teletext) (s) (10293)
9.30 True Stories: The Class of '62 — Still Going Strong. (Teletext) (9544748)
10.55 Life's A Bitch. Susan Nickson's bleakly comic look at the life of a woman from womb to tomb. Starring Kathy Burke, Sean Hughes and Lorraine Ashbourne (s) (934854)
11.25 FILM: The Naked Kiss (1964, b/w) starring Constance Towers as a prostitute whose efforts to leave her profession and live a normal life are thwarted by small-town hypocrisy. Directed by Samuel Fuller (837699)
1.05am Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (5565065)
1.55 FILM: Svengali (1983) starring Peter O'Toole as an autocratic vocal coach who takes over the career and life of a young rock singer (Jodie Foster). Based on a novel by George du Maurier and directed by Anthony Harvey (269404). Ends at 3.45

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 Anglia News (9436670) 12.30 Emmerdale (56854) 1.00-1.30 Home and Away (95380) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1294651) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (532748) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News (114019) 11.40 BL Stryker - Winner Takes All (142293) 1.25am Best Of British Motorsport (2643404) 1.55 Late Night Romantics (9154065) 2.50 The Beat (8078775) 3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (24868959) 4.10 Quiz Night (96282143) 4.35 Videofashion (10221220) 5.00 Vanessa (24404)

BORDER
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Border News (1957545) 6.00 Lookaround and Border Weather (125) 10.30-10.40 Border News (114019) 11.40 Married with Children (175380)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 Central News and Weather (9436670) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1294651) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (532748) 10.30 Central News and Weather (114019) 10.40 Central Regional Variations (834800) 12.10am Get Wet (6011688) 4.15 Jobfinder (85535101) 5.20 Asian Eye (8653201)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 Granada News (9436670) 12.30-1.00 Emmerdale (56854) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1294651) 6.25-7.00 Granada Tonight (532748) 10.30-10.40 Granada News (114019) 11.40 The Program (175380) 12.10am-12.40 The Hidden Room (6011688)

HTV WEST
As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 HTV West News and Weather (9436670) 12.30 Emmerdale (56854) 1.00-1.30 Home and Away (95380) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1294651) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (477) 10.30-10.40 HTV West News and Weather (114019) 11.40 Magnum (409729)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55am-10.00 HTV Wales News (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 HTV Wales News and Weather (9436670) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (477) 7.30-8.00 Wales This Week (361) 10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News and Weather (114019) 11.40 3-D (175380) 12.10am Love at First Sight (6011688)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 Meridian News and Weather (9436670) 12.30 Emmerdale (56854) 1.00-1.30 Home and Away (95380) 5.10 Home and Away (1294651) 5.37-5.40 Three Minutes - Crimestoppers (564496) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (125) 6.30-7.00 Grass Roots (477) 10.30-10.40 Meridian News and Weather (114019) 11.40 B L Stryker - Grand Theft Hotel (142293) 1.25am Best Of British Motorsport (2643404) 1.55 Late Night Romantics (9154065) 2.50 The Beat (8078775) 3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (24868959) 4.10 Quiz Night (96282143) 4.35 Videofashion (10221220) 5.00 Freescreen (24404)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (1957545) 12.10pm-12.15 Westcountry News (9436670) 12.30 Emmerdale (56854) 1.00-1.30 Home and Away (95380) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1294651) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (31545) 10.30-10.40 Westcountry News: Weather (114019) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (409729)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.30 Emmerdale (56854) 1.00-1.30 Home and Away (95380) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1294651) 5.55 Calendar / Network North (629651) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (477) 10.30-10.40 Calendar News and Weather (114019) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (701699) 12.35am Whisperkill (784210) 2.15 America's Top Ten (19292) 2.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (69733) 3.15 Adam at 6am (140591) 4.50 Jobfinder (4108355)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (90835) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (18106) 9.30 Ysgolion (286632) 12.00pm House To House (21670) 12.30 The Herbs (76817835) 12.45 Dig, Dug And Daisy (76605090) 1.00 Slot Meithrin: Y Chwith (93922) 1.30 The House On 92nd Street (95065108) 3.05 Jimmy's (2145835) 3.35 Ricky Lake (7985309) 4.20 Luno: Island Of The Giants (9116854) 4.30 The Cosby Show (274) 5.00 5 Pump: Caerabert (6858941) 5.15 5 Pump: Stell (9042545) 5.30 Fifteen To One (854) 6.00 Newyddion (271274) 6.15 Heno (262477) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (1816) 7.30 Ar Y Prom (24922) 8.30 Newyddion (9699) 9.00 Troeon (2903) 9.30 Father Ted (34632) 10.00 The Politician's Wife (1285274) 11.15 Errol Morris Crime Series (832903) 11.40 The Goldring Audit: Drugs (430699) 12.40am McCarthyism: Bloody Students (7254881)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (33361) 8.00 Power Rangers (71699) 8.30 Blockbusters (63570) 9.00 Oprah Winfrey (88651) 10.00 Concentration (84187) 10.30 Card Sharks (50106) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (35922) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (41458) 12.30pm Designing Women (74274) 1.00 The Waltons (79729) 2.00 Matlock (95816) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (4407941) 3.50 DJ Kat Show (9441038) 4.30 Power Rangers (8854) 5.00 Beverly Hills 90210 (1835) 6.00 Spellbound (6019) 6.30 Family Ties (9759) 7.00 Rescue (2564) 7.30 M*A*S*H (9583) 8.00 Highlander (32212) 9.00 The Untouchables (29748) 10.00 Quantum Leap (22835) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (623212) 11.50 LA Law (227212) 12.45am The Untouchables (7983713) 1.30 In Living Color (31355) 2.00-6.00 Hit Mix Long Play (4670220)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (2909800) 9.30 Sky News Extra (36816) 10.30 ABC Nightline (58748) 11.00 News (721380) 1.30pm CBS News (70695) 2.30 Parliament Live (62922) 3.30 Beyond 2000 (8477) 4.00 News (81090) 5.00 Live at Five (8142293) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (431545) 8.00 News (9854) 8.30 The O.J. Simpson Trial (8361) 12.30am CBS News (6832133) 1.10 Richard Littlejohn Replay (6944539) 2.30 Parliament Replay (88607) 3.30 Beyond 2000 (83152) 4.30 CBS News (22404) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (25510)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (6191962) 10.00 Walking Thunder (1993) (78090) 12.00 Moon Zero Two (1969) (23449) 2.00pm In Like Flint (1967) (13187) 4.00 Crooks Anonymous (1962) (13460800) 5.50 Walking Thunder (1993) (21468293) 7.30 E! News Week in Review (4651) 8.00 Posse (1993) (38496) 10.00 Under Siege (1992) (489816) 11.45 Kika (1993) (713670) 1.40am Younger and Younger (1993) (173268) 3.15-5.30 Bitter Moon (1992) (35116607)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
2.00pm Showcase (36449) 4.00 Knock on Any Door (1949) (1019) 6.00 Mr and Mrs Smith (1941) (15583) 8.00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? (1962) (96384854) 10.15 Rosemary's Baby (1968) (91416011) 12.35-2.00am The Immortal Story (1969) (7412065)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Stranger (1946) (82793583) 7.40 The Magic Riddle (1991) (24391680) 9.15 The Prisoner of Zenda (1988) (1089187) 10.10 Groundhog Day (1993) (14642800) 12.00 Simba the Lion: Live-action tale (90361) 2.00pm The Sea Wolf (1993) (938835) 3.35 The Magic Riddle (1991) As 7.40am (531106) 5.10 The Prisoner of Zenda (1988): As 9.15am (6301545) 6.00 Ride with the Wind (1993) (24293) 8.00 Groundhog Day (1993): As 10.10am (36038) 10.00 CB4 (1993) (82477) 11.30 Weekend Pass (1993) (328316) 1.05am Petain (1992) (16717713) 3.30-5.00 Stalking Laura (1993) (473775)

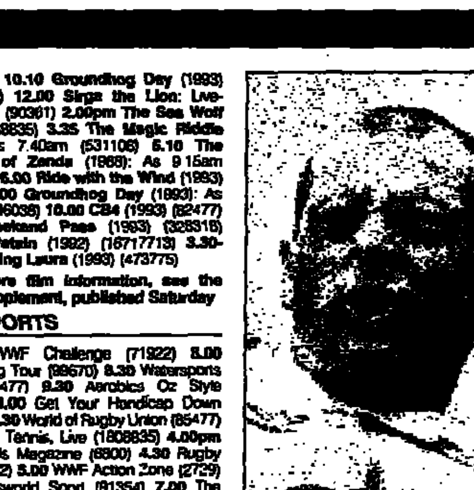
● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS
7.00am WWF Challenge (71922) 8.00 Windsurfing Tour (99670) 8.30 Watersports World (41477) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (21767) 10.00 Get Your Handicap Down (58941) 10.30 World of Rugby Union (85477) 11.00 ATP Tennis, Live (1808835) 4.00pm WTA Tennis Magazine (6800) 4.30 Rugby Union (2212) 5.00 WWF Action Zone (2729) 6.00 Transworld Sport (91354) 7.00 The Winning Post, Live from Exeter and Uttoxeter (53729) 9.00 Ford Scorpio Golf USA Live (71125) 11.00 ATP Tennis (45293) 12.30am Pole Position (18959) 1.30-2.00 ATP Tennis Magazine (68423)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Olympic Magazine (60496) 8.00 Equestrianism (74019) 9.00 Dancing (19545) 10.00 Diving (79380) 11.00 Motorcycling (30380) 11.30 Formula One (48309) 12.00 Live Formula One (91318) 1.00pm Duathlon (15106) 2.00 Eurofun (7038) 2.30 Live Rugby (91651) 4.00 Duathlon (21632) 5.00 Rally (1090) 5.30 Formula One (1416922) 6.45 News (220057) 7.00 Combat (54458) 8.00 Pro Wrestling (83106) 9.00 Formula One (76970) 10.00 Rugby (53729) 11.00 Football (87309) 12.00-12.30am News (66881)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (1723090) 8.30 Peyton Place (1722361) 9.00 As the World Turns (8337545) 10.00 Guiding Light (8208564) 11.00-12.00 Another World (8207293)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Globetrotter (1733477) 12.30pm Boomerang (4964125) 1.00 Travel Guide on Video (8297816) 1.30 Pierre Franey (4963496) 2.00 Getaway (7441816) 2.30 On Top of the World (9529187) 3.00 American Vacation (1486748) 4.00 Sky Travel Guide (9542767) 4.30 Boomerang (8531651) 5.00 Sports Vacations (7465496) 5.30 Pierre Franey (9522903) 6.00 On Top of the World (9529816) 6.30 Survival on a Tropical Island



Paul Gascoigne — The Battle of Wounded Knee (TLC, noon)

(5003545) 7.30 Getaway (9532380) 8.00 Around the World (7454380) 8.30 Sky Travel Guide (7440187) 9.00 Globetrotter (1494767) 9.30 Ben Cropp Presents Survival on a Tropical Island (3072816) 10.30 Sports Vacations (1743854) 11.00 American Trail (1499212) 11.30-12.00 Cruising (8802090)

TLC
9.00am Craftwise (7409729) 9.30 Cooking with Kurma (7719274) 10.00 Furniture to Go (8884106) 10.30 Jimmy's (7421941) 11.00 Only Human (8068552) 12.00 Gazza — The Battle of Wounded Knee (7732125) 1.00pm Cooking with Kurma (3717800) 1.30 Craftwise (7712361) 2.00 General Practice (8133187) 2.30 Tattoos (5905583) 3.00 Green Fingers (8135922) 3.30-4.00 Furniture to Go (5804800)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Chronicles of Narnia (1018877) 7.30 Neighbours (2583962) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7411564) 8.30 EastEnders (7410835) 9.00 The Bill (7401187) 9.30 The Duchess of Duke Street (9470632) 10.30 Angels (85144748) 11.35 Going for Gold (12323903) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7414651) 12.30pm Neighbours (7722748) 1.00 EastEnders (2468316) 1.30 The Bill (7721019) 2.00 Father, Dear Father (8125545) 2.30 Life Without George (5907941) 3.00 Knots Landing (3910564) 4.00 Dallas (3939699) 5.00 Every Second Counts (5617564) 5.35 XYZ (6849800) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (1145458) 6.30 EastEnders (5999922) 7.00 The Two Ronnies (2142651) 8.00 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (2168699) 9.00 Minder (2148835) 10.00 The Bill (7415380) 10.30 Top of the Pops (34358458) 11.50 Dr Who (9475458) 12.20am FILM: Blackbeard the Pirate (1952) With Robert Newton (1602084) 2.00 Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (30564) 7.00 Sonic the Hedgehog (60926) 7.30 Creepy Crawlers (11941) 8.00 Degrassi Junior High (37800) 8.30 Super Mario Brothers (3678800) 8.45 Casper (3779583) 9.00 Sesame Street (51545) 10.00 Tiny TCC (45361) 12.00 Madeline (10187) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (43019) 2.30 Barney (4212) 3.00 Dinobabies (3477) 3.30 Sonic the Hedgehog (3729) 4.00 California Dreams (5564) 4.30-5.00 Degrassi Junior High (1748)

NICKELODEON
7.00am NickAlive Including Deep Sea Dick (3450854) 7.15 Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (541293) 7.45 Rugrats (540564) 8.15 Grimmy (826458) 8.45 NickAlive (7766552) 9.00 Nick Jr (338854) 12.00 Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (87629) 12.30pm Pee-Wee's Playhouse (23125) 1.00 Smoggies (73106) 1.30 Grimmy (22496) 2.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (3212) 2.30 Galaxy High School (7390) 3.00 Dungeons and Dragons (9019) 3.30 Alex Mack (2835) 4.00 Grimmy (4870) 4.30 Rugrats (7534) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (4564) 5.30 NickAlive Including Ren and Stimpy (1106) 6.00 Doug (8019) 6.30-7.00 Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2699)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Natural Causes (5999895) 4.30 Nature Watch (5992019) 5.00 Wings Over the World (8126274) 6.00 Invention (8049201) 6.35 Beyond 2000 (3784699) 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (5993748) 8.00 Out of the Past (2159941) 9.00 Elite Fighting Forces (2146477) 10.00 The Real West (2149564) 11.00 Spirit of Survival (3921670) 11.30-12.00 The Arctic (6673090)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Mine Own Executioner (1948): War veteran Burgess Meredith develops schizophrenia (6691496) 2.00pm thirtysomething (6672381) 3.00 Robin Hood (8139748) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (5904854) 4.00 FILM: Serious Charge (1962) New vicar Anthony Quayle is the victim of small-town gossip (8133564) 6.00 Get Smart (5800038) 6.30 Zoo Gang (1897903) 7.30 The Adventures of Robin Hood (5980274) 8.00 thirtysomething (2153767) 9.00 The Critic (3913651) 9.30 Madmen of the People (7720380) 10.00 FILM: I, Monster (1970): Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing in a stylish version of *Jekyll and Hyde* (9684583) 11.30-12.00 120 Volt Miracles (6877816)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (4438038) 7.00 Living Magazine (7013274) 8.00 Health UK (4413038) 8.30 Kate and Allie (5858090) 10.05 The Treatment (2708187) 10.35 The Susan Powter Show (70597854) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (5521748) 11.55 The Simple Programme (86904729) 12.00 Kilroy (6863699) 12.55pm The Food and Drink Christmas Quiz (1216729) 1.30 The New Mr and Mrs Show (2795274) 2.00 Agony Hour (7604632) 3.00 Living Magazine (8045564) 4.00 Infatuation (2192748) 4.30 Crosswits (2084313) 5.05 The Joker's Wild (75119274) 5.30 Masterchef (7858800) 6.05 The Susan Powter Show (3882651) 6.30 Brookside (8887767) 7.05 Crosswits (1027075) 7.35 The Joker's Wild (6094632) 8.00 The Young and the Restless (6573361) 8.55 The Simple Programme (7222903) 9.00 FILM: Seduction: with Victoria Principal (87323583) 10.50 Gladrags and Glamour (4021941) 11.00 Brookside (9852800) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (7609187)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (8922) 5.30 Black Beauty (2800) 6.00 My Two Dads (5941) 6.30 Catchphrase (6293) 7.00 Busman's Holiday (5458) 7.30 Me and the Boys (2477) 8.00 Harts of the West (98458) 9.00 Sirens (86962) 10.00 Trivial Pursuit (11816) 10.30 Tintin (20564) 11.00 Lou Grant (18854) 12.00 Zorro (99133) 12.30am Me and the Boys (61862) 1.00 Trivial Pursuit (69688) 1.30 Rhoda (95591) 2.00 Sirens (36510) 3.00 Lou Grant (74317) 4.00 Rhoda (92423) 4.30-5.00 Zorro (73881)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (22591) 6.30 The Grind (74922) 7.00 3 from 1 (4232309) 7.15 Wildside (5339125) 8.00 VJ Ingo (244941) 11.00 Soul (10446) 12.00 Greatest Hits (57106) 1.00pm Afternoon Mix (86854) 2.00 3 from 1 (52760456) 2.15 Afternoon Mix (4378922) 3.00 Cinematic (5886816) 3.15 The Afternoon Mix (7070767) 3.30 MTV Sports (5187) 4.00 MTV News (6827309) 4.15 The Afternoon Mix (6800632) 4.30 Dial MTV (3106) 5.00 Dance (5980) 5.30 Music Non-Stop (86458) 7.00 Greatest Hits (12496) 8.00 Most Wanted (41670) 9.30 Beavis and Butthead (58835) 10.00 News (209458) 10.15 Cinematic (220941) 10.30 MTV Live! (22922) 11.00 The End? (45629) 12.30am The Grind (63220) 1.00 Soul (41201) 2.00 Videos (8293572)

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World Cup opens with hosts seeking more than victory over Australia in first match

South Africa sees union as unifying force

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN CAPE TOWN

SOUTH Africa's first international sporting pageant, the rugby union World Cup, will begin at the Newlands Stadium here today: the rainbow nation seeking its pot of gold at the rainbow's end. This tournament will earn a limited economy millions of rand, will lead some of its participants to a wealthier future and, if successful, may lure the Olympic Games and its attendant riches to Africa.

Parliament will rise at midday so that South Africa's leaders can attend the opening match between the host country and Australia, the 1991 champions and favourites to retain the Webb Ellis trophy. President Mandela paid a private visit to the South Africa team yesterday and will urge them on again today. A new anthem will be sung and the last standing tickets trickled over the counters yesterday.

The theme for South Africa is one team, one nation, taking sport as a bonding element in a country still fraught with tribal tension. To that extent, the other 15 participating countries will hope to play their part in creating a spectacle that will popularise rugby union and divert attention, if only momentarily, from the economic and social problems with which South Africa is still grappling.

Once the play begins, attention will also be diverted from the unseemly squabbling, accusations of profiteering, over-pricing of match tickets and over-booking of hotel rooms that continue to be a daily diet of this and many other sporting occasions. The South African government has done well, so far, to restrict the possibility of public service groups and political parties from riding their particular hobby-horses on the back of the tournament and thereby creating all the wrong images abroad.

It is a mark of this particular country that police chiefs in Western Province have announced that spectators carrying firearms or other dangerous weapons will not be allowed at matches. Such a statement would raise eyebrows in many a European country but remains a fact of life here. Indeed, it is easy enough to look harder at the periphery of this global gathering than at the reason for it: the game of rugby union.

The game is also undergoing a massive upheaval, which involves casting off cherished amateurism at the highest level. The third World Cup, this will be the last played under the existing amateur regulations; by 1999 some form of open rugby will have been accepted, even though it will prove meaningless outside a coterie of some ten countries which can afford to reward players to a greater or lesser degree.

It is not drawing too long a bow to suggest that the winners at Newlands today can almost book their place in the final at Ellis Park, Johannesburg, on June 24. One half of the draw is easy compared with that faced by the loser which, in the minds of most neutrals, will be South Africa.

Even the Australia management agree that, if they overcome the South African hurdle, they can taper back in pool matches with Romania and Canada, build again in a quarter-final against the pool B runners-up — say, Italy — and a semi-final against, perhaps, France or Scotland.

The losers should win their remaining pool games before a likely quarter-final against the European champions, England, where the dubious prize for success is a semi-final against the country impossible to underestimate on a rugby field, New Zealand.

Ominously for South Africa, the Australia coach, Bob Dwyer, whose hand was on the tiller in 1991, too, believes his players are already performing at about 90 per cent efficiency. He has experience running like steel through the heart of the side, from Phil Kearns at hooker to the maverick, David Campese, on the right wing. He has the world's leading try-scorer in Campese and points-scorer in Michael Lynagh; he has height at the lineout and power in the scrum. Over half his team have played at Newlands before, when Australia won 26-3 in 1992. Where can he lose?

Well, he is playing one of rugby's most fanatical teams, fuelled by what its manager, Morne du Plessis, describes as "a wave of goodwill for the team across the country. It's something I have never experienced in my 25 years of involvement with South African rugby. It's a critical time for our rugby when we are trying to grow the game across traditional barriers.

"But there is a broader aspect, in that if we can handle this World Cup, if everyone is happy with it, then the soccer World Cup can happen in Africa. If Cape Town pulls itself together, the Olympic Games of 2004 could happen here. This World Cup is more than blood and guts and points on the board." These, however, are the only issues for the players today.

TEAMS

SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert (Natal); J Small (Natal), J Mulder (Transvaal), H le Roux (Transvaal), P Hendriks (Transvaal); J Stransky (Western Province), J van der Westhuizen (Northern Transvaal); P du Randt (Orange Free State), J Dalton (Transvaal), S Swart (Transvaal), J F Pienaar (Transvaal, captain), M G Andrews (Natal), J J Strydom (Transvaal), R J Kruger (Northern Transvaal), R A W Straeuli (Transvaal).

AUSTRALIA: M J Pini (Queensland); D I Campese (New South Wales), D J Herbert (Queensland), J S Little (Queensland), D P Smith (Queensland); M P Lynagh (Queensland, captain), G M Gregan (ACT); D J Crowley (Queensland), P N Kearns (New South Wales), E J A McKenzie (New South Wales), V Ofahengaue (New South Wales), R J McCall (Queensland), J A Eales (Queensland), D Wilson (Queensland), T B Gavin (New South Wales).

Referee: W D Bevan (Wales).



Pienaar, left, the South Africa captain, and Mulder in training yesterday on the eve of the game against Australia. Photograph: Ian Stewart

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Players weigh up price for success

FROM DAVID HANDS

AMID the clatter of studs and the clink of cash, rugby union's third World Cup begins with players assessing what success or failure will mean to their corporate profile. If Australia repeat their 1991 victory, the players' company — Wallaby Promotions — will be able to increase the fees for promotional appearances and such individuals as David Campese and Michael Lynagh will be able to command a return well above the estimated £40,000 they, but not all of their colleagues, are said to attract now.

That is in addition to their other pursuits: Campese runs a sports and leisurewear business in Sydney and Lynagh, from Brisbane, is a real estate consultant. The same will be true for England, the beaten finalists in 1991. Their international players earned around £10,000 from off-the-field activities last season but are negotiating, in concert with the Rugby Football Union, a four-year deal which would introduce a sponsor's name onto the England jersey.

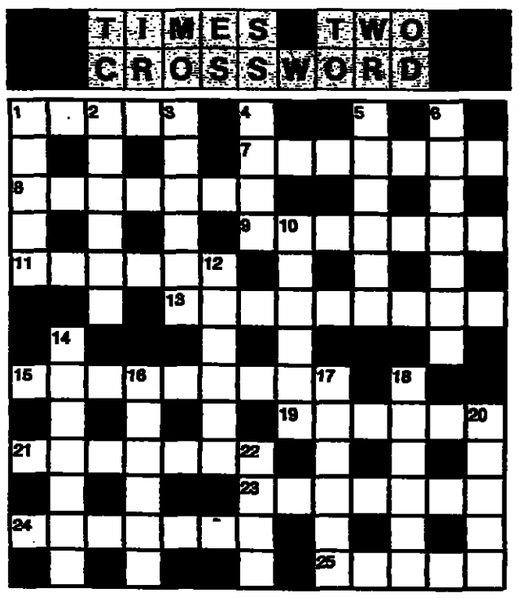
Though a figure of £6 million has been quoted for that deal, it is more likely to be around £2 million and negotiations are still continuing with an outcome expected by August.

"The idea is to reward players for the time they devote to rugby," Colin Herridge, the England squad's media liaison officer, said. "The sums we have in mind are to be regarded as a supplement to a player's existing earnings but speculation that a player might earn £30,000 a year is wide of the mark. We don't want a player retiring from his non-rugby career."

A player's earnings would be related to appearances in international matches.

Though England players have agreed not to discuss sponsorship options during the World Cup, Brian Moore, who is retiring after the tournament, told BBC TV: "Professionalism is not an option, it's a certainty. It might not be on the lines of rugby league in terms of win bonuses and the like, but it's coming."

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1 Frisk: prank (5)
7 Announce; deferentially admit (5,2)
8 Amaze; walk drunkenly (7)
9 Use few words (2,5)
11 Delicious!: *Mikado's* daughter-in-law (3-3)
13 As it were (2,2,5)
15 Make accusations specific (4,5)
19 Become extinct (3,3)
21 Organic manure (7)
23 Score-settler (7)
24 A bunch (7)
25 Exchange of goods (5)

DOWN

1 Easy, comfortable (5)
2 Blood fluid; gas (6)
3 (Professor) appointed by Crown (6)
4 Restraint (4)
5 Superfluous (2,4)
6 Sour fermented liquid (7)
10 Inspired; called up (6)
12 Swamp; disorder hindering progress (6)
14 Splendid array; armour (7)
16 Uncover (6)
17 Mute (6)
18 Open arcade; porch (6)
20 Curt (5)
22 Mountain pool (4)

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Gloom descends on England as West Indies take whip hand

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (West Indies won toss): West Indies, with nine wickets in hand, need 124 runs to beat England

THE picnic baskets had not even been opened on the first day of the international summer when the confident smiles were wiped off English faces. For two decades now, only the foolish and the arrogant have dared to underrate West Indies, and now, just when they seemed genuinely vulnerable, they reminded us that the same rules still apply.

England, so full of confidence and vitality on the eve of this Texaco Trophy series, did no justice to their refreshing mood with a lamely inept batting performance. But it would be churlish to lament such deficiencies to the neglect of some slick and disciplined West Indian cricket. They came into the game in poor form and reputedly poor spirits. Already, they have gone some way towards resuming normal business.

When a fourth interruption for rain and bad light ensured that a second day would be needed, it was England who were grateful for the adjournment. Defending an inadequate 199, albeit in conditions never ideal for strokeplay, they had already conceded the day's biggest partnership and West Indies, at 76 for one, had only 124 to make in 35.1 overs.

Richie Richardson's decision to field first had seemed perverse, for the sun was shining brightly and the forecast insisted that the day would deteriorate. But the preparation of the pitch had been hampered by rain, and local knowledge had it that the time to bowl was early morning.

Local knowledge, of course, could not legislate for the ball being put in the wrong place and, for half a dozen overs, the problems that have afflicted the West Indian attack were apparent. Courtney Walsh began desultorily, dropping far too short for the sluggish pace of the pitch, while Curtly Ambrose's direction strayed in a way that was once unthinkable.

Ambrose never did find his rhythm and suffered the rare indignity of not being asked to bowl his full quota, but Walsh, adjusting his length and exploiting the available movement, led the attack in the manful, streetwise style of which much may be asked this summer. Ian Bishop's international return was an unqualified success and, when Richardson turned belatedly to his make-up-the-numbers bowling, Hooper and Arthurton did him proud.

Throughout, the West Indian outcricket was exemplary, but England did little to obstruct them. Stewart played admirably, upright and assertive in all he did, but the rest of the top five managed 35 runs between them. They did not strike a single boundary, and three of them were out to strokes they will not have wished to see replayed.

Atherton is exempt. There was no shame in getting out to a ball from Walsh that pitched on off stump and straightened to take the edge. Lara holding the catch to his right at slip. But, somehow, the England innings never recovered from the loss of the captain. Too much depends on his durability.

Hick and Thorpe have been in contrasting form for their counties, Hick scarcely failing, Thorpe seldom firing. Here, they looked as uncomfortable as each other, occupying 17 overs between them for an aggregate 15 runs. Both were caught behind, playing shots that betrayed anxiety.

When Ambrose returned for a second spell, he first offered two wides before being pulled and driven for fours by Stewart. He kicked the turf frustratedly. But for Bishop, who must have spent long days wondering if he would ever again bowl at this level, it was one more smooth step on the ladder, rewarded by the wicket of Fairbrother.

Stewart was out just when England needed him to press on, and although Ramprakash batted with pleasing authority, it was beyond him to fully repair the damage. He did drive Hooper over long-on for six and, with five overs left and 180 on the board, England could still budget for a respectable 220. They fell short, paradoxically, because Walsh's accuracy deserted him for one ball, and a high full toss dropped onto off stump via the startled Ramprakash's midriff.

Thereafter, the decline was gentle, and England's bowlers at first did nothing to compensate. Hooper was all grace and flow, Campbell always liable to explode into something expansive. It threatened to become embarrassing until Cork slid a leg cutter past Hooper, and the weather allowed England to dream of a better tomorrow.

TRENT BRIDGE SCOREBOARD

West Indies won toss

ENGLAND

*M A Atherton c Lara b Walsh (35min, 33 balls)	8
†A J Stewart b Hooper (157min, 127 balls, 11 fours)	74
G A Hick c Murray b Benjamin (53min, 27 balls)	8
G P Thorpe c Murray b Walsh (24min, 10 balls)	7
N H Fairbrother b Bishop (32min, 23 balls)	12
M R Ramprakash b Walsh (53min, 36 balls, 1 six, 1 four)	32
P A J DeFreitas run out (Ambrose/Murray) (24min, 29 balls)	15
D G Cork b Arthurton (23min, 27 balls)	14
D Gough run out (Hooper) (8min, 4 balls)	3
S D Udal not out (10min, 7 balls)	5
A R C Fraser not out (8min, 8 balls)	4
Extras (lb 11, w 5, nb 1)	17
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs, 218min)	199

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25 (Stewart 16), 2-60 (Stewart 37), 3-85 (Stewart 49), 4-121 (Stewart 71), 5-125 (Ramprakash 1), 6-157 (Ramprakash 16), 7-186 (Cork 13), 8-190 (Gough 3), 9-191 (Udal 1).

BOWLING: Ambrose 8-1-33-0 (w 2; 5-1-14-0, 3-0-19-0); Walsh 10-1-28-3 (5-1-11-1, 3-0-10-1, 2-0-7-1), Bishop 11-2-30-1 (w 1; 7-1-23-0, 4-1-7-1); Benjamin 8-1-22-1 (nb 1, w 1; one spell); Hooper 10-0-45-1 (w 1; 1-0-1-0, 9-0-44-1); Arthurton 8-0-30-1 (one spell).

WEST INDIES

C L Hooper b Cork (62min, 57 balls, 6 fours)	34
S L Campbell not out (77min, 47 balls, 5 fours)	34
B C Lara not out (14min, 15 balls, 1 four)	6
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (1 wkt, 19.5 overs, 77 min)	76

*R B Richardson, J C Adams, K L T Arthurton, †J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, I R Bishop, C E L Ambrose and C A Walsh to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-66 (Campbell 31).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 7-1-27-0 (one spell); Fraser 4-2-14-0 (one spell); Gough 5.5-0-19-0 (one spell); Cork 3-0-15-1 (w 1; one spell).

Umpires: N T Plews and D R Shepherd.
TV replay umpire: P Willey.
Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

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